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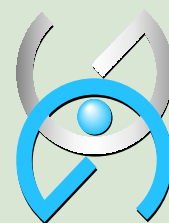
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BREAKING NEWS

Paris sojourn Democratic congressman **Bob Filner** ranks as one of the most liberal mem-



Bob Filner

bers of the House, frequently castigating the Bush administration about everything from its economic policies to its invasion of Iraq. Yet Filner and some of the Bushies have at least one cause peculiarly in common: their support for a group of Iranian exiles that the U.S. government labeled a "Foreign Terrorist Organization" in 1997 but that some of Bush's conservative backers are now heralding as a key ally in the U.S.'s rapidly escalating conflict with Iran.

Members of the socialist People's Mujahedin of Iran, also known as the Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK), helped oust the **Shah** in Iran's 1979 revolution, then turned against the successor government of **Ayatollah Khomeini**, setting off a series of bombs that killed dozens of high-ranking officials. After moving to France in the early 1980s, the group hooked up with Iraqi president **Saddam Hussein** in the mid-'80s, during the Iran-Iraq War; among other alleged crimes, it has been accused of playing a role in Saddam's 1991 slaughtering of the Kurds in northern Iraq.

During the 2003 invasion of Iraq, 6000 MEK fighters were reportedly captured by U.S. troops. Since then, however, as tensions with Iran have grown, a number of American politicians have become MEK supporters, arguing that the Clinton-era terrorist designation, which remains in place, was made as part of a failed rapprochement with the Iranian leadership. In addition to Filner, other high-profile MEK backers in Congress have included Congressman **Tom Tancredo** of Colorado and Senator **Kit Bond** of Missouri, both Republicans.

This past June, Filner and Tancredo coauthored an op-ed piece in the ultraconservative *Washington Times* arguing that Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** should lift the terrorist label from the MEK. "From its base in Iraq, where 3,800 MEK members live under the protection of coalition forces, the organization has provided intelligence on Iran's support for terrorism in Iraq," the pair wrote. "Listing the MEK as 'terrorists' is both an injustice and manifestly contrary to U.S. interests."



Tom Tancredo

That same month, Filner flew to Paris to address a gathering billed as the "Rally for Iranian Human Rights." "The Iranian Resistance has brought the world to a true understanding of the Iranian regime," Filner told the rally, according to a transcript of his speech posted on a sponsor's website. "We have seen reports of what the regime is doing now [in Iran]; we have seen pictures of violence. The world is coming to understand this Iranian regime, and the world will rejoice when you end this menace."

The \$7949 cost of Filner's trip — from June 29 through July 1, according to House disclosure records — was paid for by "Colorado's Iranian-

American Community." The group's website, featuring links to Filner's Paris speech and his *Washington Times* op-ed with Tancredo, does not list any names of officers or supporters. A January 2004 *Denver Post* story about a Washington fund-raiser held by the Colorado organization identified **Tim Mehdi Ghaemi** of Colorado as its president. Tancredo did not attend the fund-raiser, purportedly because the American Red Cross had pulled its cosponsorship. The paper quoted Ghaemi as saying that proceeds of the event would go to support "regime change" in Iran. He added that MEK would not be a beneficiary, though its supporters would "absolutely" be present.

Records list Ghaemi as the owner of Arborz Real Estate in Greenwood Village, Colorado. In a semiannual report to Congress dated March 31 of this year, the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reported that Ghaemi and **Hamidullah Sarwary**, a former Littleton Housing Authority (LHA) Section 8 (subsidized housing) tenant, and two others "allegedly conspired to assist Sarwary in obtaining an FHA-insured mortgage and concealing his property ownership from LHA. HUD realized a loss of \$46,988 after Sarwary defaulted on his FHA-insured mortgage and \$3,760 in LHA housing assistance Sarwary obtained but was not entitled to receive."



Saddam Hussein



Condoleezza Rice

Reached on his cell phone last week, Ghaemi said that the allegations against him made in the auditor general's report were inaccurate and that he had had no direct involvement in the deal. "We managed the property for 60 days after the transaction, and then we dropped it after we learned of the fraud." The state real estate commission has cleared him, and his attorney is seeking a correction from HUD, he said. Regarding the source of funds for Filner's trip, Ghaemi said that the money had come from "Iranian-American community members in Colorado." He added his group is not incorporated but has registered as a political organization with the State of Colorado since 2001; it is not required to disclose its donor list, he said. (Filner did not respond to a query about the trip and its finances.)

The organization, which has a "few hundred" members, Ghaemi said, is dedicated to a "third way" between what he called the current "appeasement" of Iran and an all-out U.S. attack on the country. "Iranians are more than capable of regime change on their own," with MEK help, if its terrorist designation is removed, he said. He asserted that stories of MEK's involvement in crimes such as Saddam's suppression of the Kurds were made up by the Iranian intelligence services.

— Matt Potter

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Next Firestorm — Political

By Don Bauder

When asked, "How's your wife?" the late comedian Henny Youngman used to crack, "Compared to what?" The local

economy is like that these days. If someone asks, "How is the San Diego economy going to do?" you have to reply, "What's your frame of reference? This year, next year, or the long run?" The fires will whack the economy the rest of this year and well into next year, then probably boost it later in 2008 as insurance and federal monies pour in and reconstruction gets under way in earnest. But San Diego faces long-term questions: Can we still say we have a perfect climate when we are a semidesert with rocky and steep terrain, getting even dryer with global warming, and periodically suffering stiff Santa Ana winds that whip up infernos? Can we expect more frequent and damaging fires the way New Orleans and Florida face more fre-

quent and terrifying hurricanes? What can we do about a declining water supply? Given



Harris Fire

the fire-proneness and coming water shortage, should we curtail residential construction? With real estate developers controlling the politicians, bureaucrats, and mainstream

media, is that possible to do? Must we raise taxes to pay for adequate fire protection, as well as replenish the plundered pension plan and rebuild the aged infrastructure? Will San Diegans stand for increased taxes?

Let's consider the big picture first. "The development community is salivating, but San Diegans must realize these fires may be here to stay," says Murtaza Baxamusa of the Center on Policy Initiatives.

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The Sun Sets on the Moon Cafe

By Joe Deegan

Mistake. As soon as I mentioned the storyline, the Chinese lady waiting tables in the Gaslamp Quarter's Moon Cafe

clammed up. "We don't talk to the newspapers," she said. That was that. Of course, she'd let me stay to eat the bok choy and chicken I'd ordered. And nothing prevented me from looking around. It was Wednesday, the week of the fires, and I'd already noticed the unhappy sign. "On Friday, October 26, at 7 pm, we are closing after 26 years in business. Thanks to our many valued customers. The Liang family."

You got a low-priced meal in the Moon Cafe. Even the coffee I drank with my food was only 65 cents. Not much on the menu cost more than five and a half dollars. The highest price I saw was \$6.99 for sirloin steak. Two pork chops went for \$5.50, chicken-fried steak for \$4.25. One side of the laminated menu was for breakfast, standard fare over at 10:00 a.m., and the other for dinner. The supper menu had two halves, American meals

other dishes.

The narrow restaurant ran deep into a building on Fourth Avenue's east side, two doors north of G Street. Customers sat mostly at long picnic-style furniture, though a few smaller tables inhabited an alcove near the front entrance. Chinese-language newspapers were strewn on the long table closest to the cash register counter in the back. Paintings of Chinese buildings adorned plain walls. Others appeared to be classic Chinese flower paintings behind glass. Stylized representations of Confucius, Lao-tzu, and Buddha hung on a back wall near the counter. Two elevated minitrays of oranges had been placed on a platform before them.

The waitress would go behind the counter to hand orders to the cook through a shoulder-high opening. I judged the grinning man in the chef's hat to be her husband.



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the San Diego County Recorder's Office web page, I found neither a fictitious business name of Moon Cafe nor a business owner named Moon Liang. The office did show, however, nearly 30 business owners in the county named Liang.

On my way out, I saw that KD Donuts, one door south of the Moon, was closing its doors that day. Another message of thanks to customers had been taped to the window.

"Sing has been with me for 16 years. I started doing business here in 1988. We have two and a half years left on our contract, but the new owner is almost doubling the rent from the \$3000 I was paying. I'm going to work for my brother-in-law — today, as soon as I finish here and get out. He has a pool-service business, and with the fires starting, we're going to get busy right away."

"The same thing must be

"Four of us girls would stop here every day on our way to work up the street," she told me. "Eighty-five cents for coffee. They had sandwiches too. My favorite was the turkey. And these are the friendliest people you'll ever meet."

The atmosphere around Fourth and G wasn't quite as chipper as my meeting with Navarro might suggest. Many, if not most, of both KD's and the Moon's patrons were alcoholic, mentally ill, down-and-out, or elderly with meager incomes. The 14-story low-rent Horton House for seniors is located on the intersection's southwest corner. Constructed in 1981, the building has 153 residences.

On Fourth and G's northwest corner sits the single-room-occupancy Golden West Hotel, built in the early part of the last century by city father John D. Spreckels. A friend who worked in the F Street card rooms of the 1970s told me that the "bust outs," who lost most of their checks by the fifth day of the month, used to stay there then. Today the hotel has achieved a new notoriety among some visitors, who've left their comments on evaluation websites. Says one review called "Disgusting Place," "I didn't actually stay at the Golden West. I visited a friend who lived there and brought him Thanksgiving dinner.... The rooms are tiny and there are cockroaches climbing on the walls."

Several reviewers com-

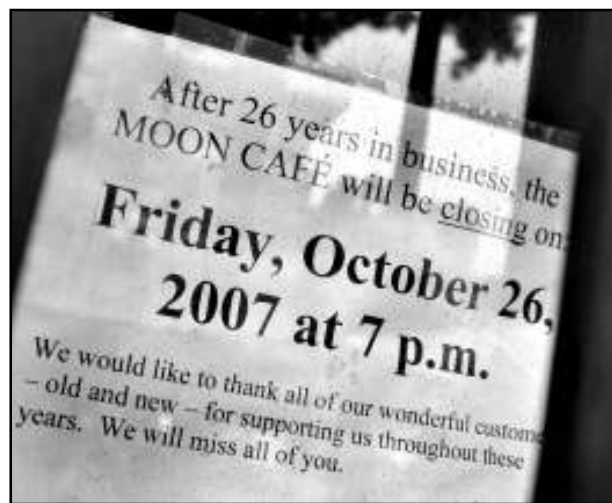
plained about the staff being rude. And one wrote, "It's cheap but you get what you pay for." At my own inquiry into prices, a desk clerk quoted \$170 as the weekly rate and \$470 as the monthly. He acted as though I were nuts for asking about a nightly rate. "There aren't any vacancies anyway," he said.

The remarks of a resident standing out front of the hotel reminded me of elements in Hemingway's story "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place," sans the suicide. In the story, a little café is a temporary refuge for a man in despair. My Golden West resident told me he used to "have at least a little something" at the Moon Cafe every day. "I liked to hang out there. The owners were especially nice to us guys who came all the time," he said. "And you couldn't beat the prices."

The man probably wouldn't transfer his loyalty to the restaurant two doors north of the Moon. He might not be allowed into the fancier place anyway. The restaurant is called Blue Ginger: Fine Chinese Cuisine. To get the edge on its competitors in the neighborhood, Blue Ginger had a sign out front reading, "All Entrées \$9."

The resident said he would

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Chhay Tea

above and Chinese below. At the menu's top, a note read that all full entrées came with mashed potatoes and gravy, rice, vegetables, either soup or salad, and dessert.

Chinese dishes included chop suey and chow mein, each with chicken, beef, pork, or shrimp. You could also order "pork foo young," shrimp fried rice, wonton soup, and lemon flower soup, among

The two often had short, pleasant-sounding conversations in Chinese before returning to their respective tasks. As I ate, customers approached the counter to pay their bills and express sadness at the café's demise. I overheard the cook tell one man that, no, he would not open somewhere else. "Well, then," said the man, "good luck to you, Moon."

When I later searched on

Inside, an Asian couple was cleaning the place. I remembered them from as far back as 1992, when I drove a taxi and would stop in to fuel up with caffeine. Persuading Chhay Tea with hand signals to open his door, I asked what was going on.

"The landlord sold this building," said Tea, who is Cambodian. He pointed to his wife inside sweeping the

happening next door," I said. "They say they've been in business there 26 years."

"No," said Tea, "they must have started out somewhere else then, because they weren't here when I came. I think they came in the early 1990s."

A young woman walked by holding a Starbucks cup. "Hello, my sister," said Tea. Jennifer Navarro, who was 24, lit up and greeted him in return.

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ing the services that residents need?"

Baxamusa believes that developers are not funding the infrastructure that they should be required to provide. "In the current general plan, the developers are not asked to do as much" as governments require to stabilize finances and keep up with necessary infrastructure improvement. "The City addresses this in a meek manner," he says. Whether or not the City has to raise taxes, "We have to negotiate better deals on new projects. Real estate developers are not doing their part."

Kelly Cunningham, economist for the San Diego Institute for Policy Research, looks at the long-term woes from a different perspective.

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He points to Proposition 13, the 1978 measure mandating that the property tax on a parcel be limited to 1 percent of assessed valuation, which can go up only 2 percent a year. "We put the burden of taxes on new housing because of Prop 13," says Cunningham. "New housing is really expensive. It's the biggest detriment to regional prosperity. It's not that people can't find a job; it's that they can't afford to live here." The population has barely risen in two years, and jobs are rising less than 1 percent a year.

The war is on. One side wants to shift more burden to builders, who will pass on much or all of it to buyers. The other side says San Diego's pressing problem is that people can't afford homes — particularly new ones. Some experts tout new homes that are especially constructed to resist fire. But how many fam-

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ilies will be able to afford them? People who lost their homes may not get insurance payments sufficient to permit them to build fire-resistant structures.

What, then, about the near term? Before the fires, the San Diego economy was on its way down — perhaps in or headed for a recession. Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego, keeps monthly lead indicators on the local economy. For many months, the trend in building permits, initial claims for unemployment, and consumer mood have been consistently poor, indicating "a big loss of jobs but not a recession — what I call the San Diego equivalent of a recession," says Gin.

The fire took money out of the economy — retail sales, productivity, buildings, etc. Cunningham estimates that the damage is \$2.1 billion, includ-

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ing \$500 million for homes; \$200 million for other structures; \$400 million for furnishings, cars, clothing, and

the like; \$893 million in lost business and productivity; and \$100 million in overtime for fire and police, as well as materials.

Much of that should eventually come back, with a lag. The money pouring in next

year from insurance and governments will help. "It will be a net plus to the construction industry," says James Hamilton, economist at the University of California, San Diego. "But rather than create a boom, that [incoming money] will

mitigate the bust that was under way." He says economists look at things in dollars-and-cents terms without looking at "the concept of [societal] welfare. We would have been better off if the old houses were where they were. This was a

bad thing to have happened to us." He notes that because of the U.S. mortgage crisis, it's difficult to get jumbo loans for expensive homes, and because of the escalation in San Diego home prices, "many homes require these large

mortgages."

Gin points out that six months after the 2003 fires, construction employment picked up, and soon "retail sales were up considerably." In 2003, construction labor was tight; now, because of the slump, there is lots of labor around. However, he cautions, "We will get some bump from reconstruction, but it will be dwarfed by the macroeconomic problems — the subprime mortgage crisis and foreclosures, for example."

The tourism industry, which last year contributed \$7.7 billion to the local economy, should recover from the fires quickly, but because of the national economic slowdown, growth could be only 1 percent next year, says Cunningham.

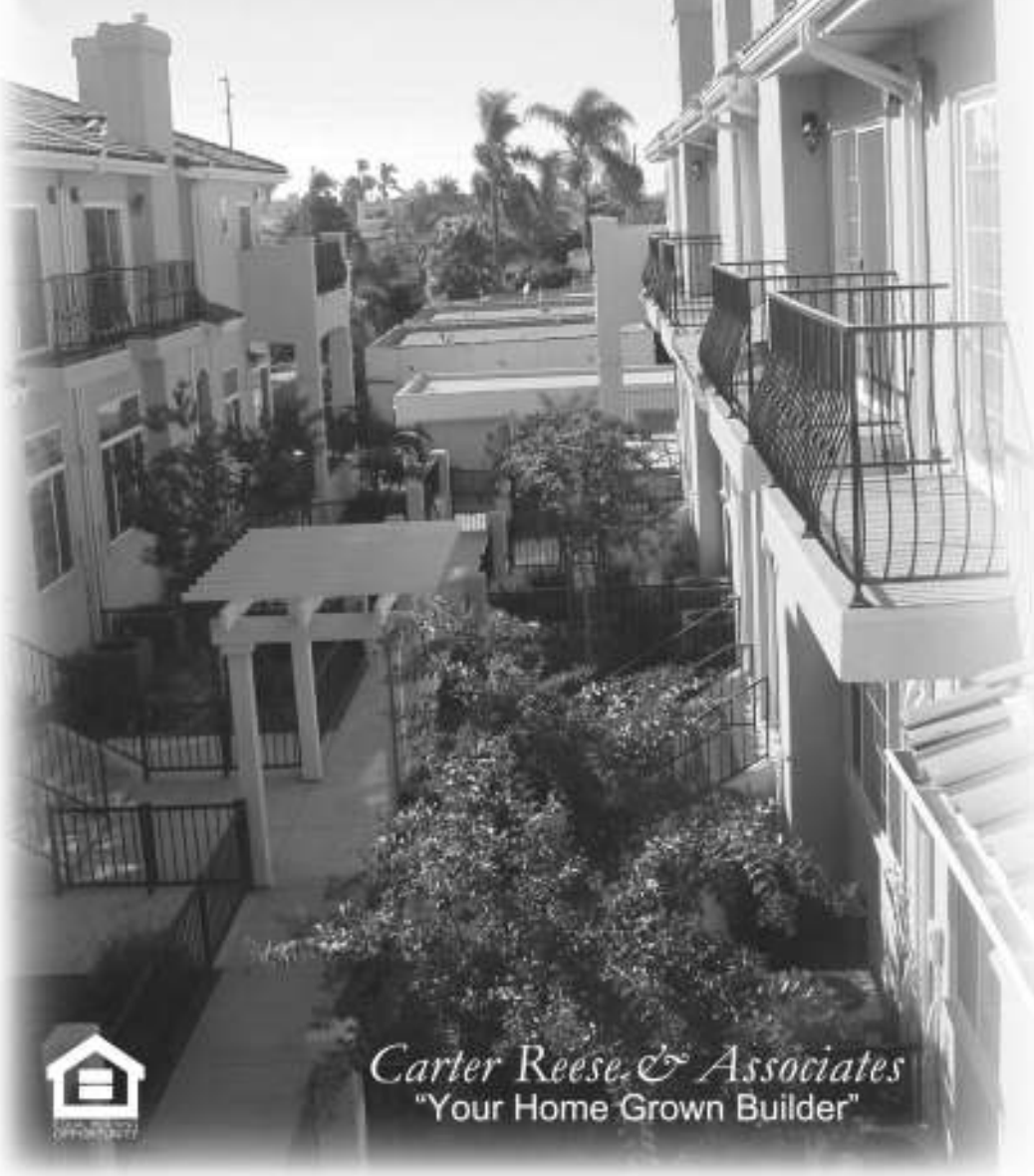
Peter Reeb of Reeb Development Consulting says new single-family home prices are down 15 to 17 percent from a year ago. That plunge is about as intense as the drop of the early 1990s that resulted from the aerospace collapse. He says builders are offering the same kinds of incentives today as they offered in the early 1990s. The new home market "most likely is going to remain weak, probably at least until mid-2008," when builders will have lowered prices enough to attract buyers, says Reeb. The big problem is "the tightening of lending requirements." The market had started to recover in late 2006 and early 2007, but the subprime mortgage crisis hit, and lenders tightened up. Resale home prices are down less because people don't have to lower prices; most can just stay put for a while. But foreclosures are running 300 percent above a year ago. That's a bad portent.

Employment is barely creeping up. Gin looks for 8000 to 10,000 new jobs next year, about the same as this year and half of last year. Cunningham says 11,000 jobs will be added this year, a gain of only 0.8 percent, with 14,000 or 1.1 percent added next year, mainly from construction. "Just a few years ago, we were adding 30,000 to 50,000 a year," says Cunningham.

Until housing prices began to drop, San Diegans had borrowed against rising home values to make purchases. The most recent statistics, through the third quarter of last year, show San Diego had weaker retail sales than major metro

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areas. "Adjusted for inflation, retail sales would be negative," says Cunningham, who suspects the trend has continued this year.

Both the City and County are in bad economic shape, dogged by pension and infrastructure problems. Will the City boost taxes? The transient occupancy tax, or hotel tax, is lower in San Diego than in other competing cities. Dare the City and County raise existing taxes and create new ones? "You know how cheap the County is," says Gin. "I don't know that the political will will be there."

Others say that there is plenty of money flowing into government coffers; what needs to be cut are overgenerous pay and benefits for employees and the amount of money flowing to corporate welfare. But employees and corporate mendicants have clout too.

The fires will bring a political conflagration that could be as societally damaging as the fires were physically dam-

aging. As Henny Youngman used to say, "I told my doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places." ■

Moon Cafe

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start eating more often at the Sun Cafe on the south side of Market between Fourth and Fifth. The Sun's menu and prices are similar to the Moon's. At the Sun, I encountered a reluctance to discuss the business situation similar to the one I experienced at the Moon. Likewise, I could find at the Recorder's Office no such fictitious business name as the Sun Cafe. I did get a comment out of the waitress, who appeared to be an owner at the Sun. To my question about having to move, she answered, "No, but things are constantly changing around here."

Eminent domain, recently used by Centre City Development Corporation against a downtown cigar-store owner, isn't the only kind of pressure on businesses that don't fit downtown revitalization efforts. Real estate pressures may yet force out the Golden West Hotel, on top of the KD Donuts and Moon Cafe departures. A sign of the recent times is that all three have been situ-

ated on Fourth squarely in between the Hard Rock Cafe at F Street to the north and Hooters at Market to the south. A little north of Hooters, the Shout! House advertises "Rock and Roll Dueling Bands."

Strolling out of the area toward the Blue Line trolley, I met a woman who had high praise for the Moon Cafe. Mickey Green came to San Diego eight years ago, when

the first restaurant she visited was the Moon. She now worked in food services at the San Diego Convention Center. On her walks to and from work, Green had regularly stopped at the Moon Cafe. "They had excellent food," she said, "and I'm a certified food

manager. I'm very sorry to see them go. They were always courteous and clean, and the food was fresh. My favorite dish was fried liver and onions. Next was the meatloaf with the mashed potatoes and green beans. I am very sorry to see them go." ■

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Power To Ya'

Just finished reading "A Yearlong Trip Down Crack Street" (Cover Story, November 1). This is a great article written by Jay Allen Sanford. I am myself a recovering methamphetamine addict — don't consider myself a tweaker, nor am I a thief. More power to Sanford. My prayers go to him.

Susan Kolmorgan
Alpine

Lost In Space

I just put down your latest Reader, and I was deeply moved by the story "A Yearlong Trip Down Crack Street" (Cover Story, November 1). Jay Allen Sanford accurately illustrated how quickly drugs can destroy a life. I too am a writer and an addict. I was on the streets of San Diego doing crystal meth for about three years. I just find it refreshing to see that someone so talented can also be driven to an animalistic level by drug addiction.

Before I started using, I was attending Palomar College as a political science major, I had two jobs, and I had a bright future.

But I then met this guy with whom I fell deeply "in love" who also did cocaine. Within six months I dropped out of school and moved in with him, and we started doing coke every day. When we broke up, I was reduced to dancing at a local strip club and living in my car. I showered at the boardwalk in Mission Beach. I switched to using crystal meth out of a simple economical choice because I could stay up twice as long for half as much.

I moved into a run-down apartment complex on Mission Boulevard, also known as a "tweaker pad," and from then my addiction took a sick twist. I found

the acceptance I had been looking for all my life in the new friends I had made. I fell for the illusion of the fast life in robbing people, stealing cars, and prostitution. I am fairly certain that my new perceptions were completely dependent upon my drug addiction, but I felt it was glamorous at the time. As the days passed quickly, so did my inhibitions, and I sunk lower to the level of the hooker and the beggar. I remember thinking I was a genius when I thought up the idea to rob my clients. And so in my first attempt, I simply went to a trick's house and left the back door open for my friend to come in and steal. The situation quickly got out of hand, for I did not realize that he was carrying a loaded gun. He and two friends came in, and we kidnapped the guy and made him drive his car to the ATM. I never really stopped to think of the consequences if we got caught. God was there for me. After a while of getting lucky so many times I became arrogant. I thought that it was my own personal skills at being a hoodlum that was the cause of my extreme amount of luck. Suddenly I realized that years had gone by and I hadn't called or seen my family.

I just got so wrapped up in this new lifestyle that I lost myself. I remember so many times awakening and not having any idea what day it was and where I was. I soon came to the conclusion that this had to stop or I would die. I knew this and only this when I first walked into the room of Narcotics Anonymous. That program taught me how to live without drugs and is the only reason that I am alive and not incarcerated today.

Sometimes I still think about the past and wonder if it was just all a bad dream, but I can look at my arms and the scars from track marks and know that it was not a dream and that it is exactly where I could end up if I decide to use drugs again.

I really appreciate reading this article because it helps me identify with others in the fact that I am not alone in my addiction. Drug addiction can affect anyone, anywhere, no matter their age, color, creed, or financial status. Thank you for

printing this article, and thank you, Jay, for being so honest.

Margeaux M.
San Diego

Don't Scare Them Away

Just wanted to state my concern about an article entitled "My Life of Crime" (Feature Story), published on October 25. My concern is not with the publishing of the article but the fact that other than a very small line on the top of the first page of the 15-page article, there is no indication the article is 20 years old. As the article deals with the safety of witnesses in gang cases and the DA's office's handling of these witnesses, the fact that it is 20 years old is an important fact to highlight.

This office spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on witness protection and significant manpower and depends on individuals coming forward to testify. To have an article that can easily be mistaken for current events only makes our difficult job harder and could create distrust with witnesses in important cases based on this unidentified person's statements of events 20 years ago. Again, your choice to publish an article of this nature is your business, but in the future perhaps something a little more obvious could be put in the article (maybe in the actual beginning of the article where people read or at the end in the article itself) to prevent misperception. I know this may not seem like a big deal to the Reader, but we spend every day trying to keep people from being killed, and the gang members don't need any help to scare witnesses away from the criminal justice system. Thanks for your time.

Dana Greisen
Chief of the San Diego
County Gang
Prosecution Unit

The FCC's Secret Timeline

I am writing to respond to the "City Lights" column by Don Bauder of October 25, "Jocks Talk, Liberals Walk."

While Mr. Bauder provided a fairly good snapshot of the "format change"

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Matt:

Is my cat left-handed? Whenever she plays with her toys or her food, I've noticed that she uses her left paw more than her right. Do animals have a dominant side like people do?

—Jeannie, via e-mail

Grandma's dog wears his watch on the right, so is he left-handed? But other than that, who woulda thought anybody would care about this? Well, anybody official. Anybody who gets paid to study stuff. Once again, science astounds us. You've probably replicated some of their experiments right there on your living room rug with a willing feline and a flashlight. The science guys put on their lab coats, grabbed their clipboards, and watched to see which paws the cats used, when, and for how long, as they teased Tabby around the lab with a little pin spot. Seems that test cats do have paw preferences. And more than half of them were lefties. Not to say that any animals other than primates are strongly lateralized. I guess they can use either hoof to sign checks; but according to a number of studies, any given cat will likely have a paw preference. The dominant paw showed greater speed, accuracy, and dexterity, so the trait does serve a purpose.

Cats' brains are considered good models of the human brain, which is why cats would be in a lab in the first place. Dogs are more goofy and lovable but have less interesting craniums, it seems. One group of sci-guys did round up a bunch of pooches, put tape carefully on their noses, then waited to see which paw they used to scrape it off. In previous attempts, labsters had noted that males were a little lefty and females slightly righty, but the newest attempt didn't even confirm that, and in general there was no amazing or amusing data from the dog world. Lab rats? Lefties (77%) in one study, at least when they're pushing levers to get food.

Matthew Alice:

What does "Pak" stand for in the word Pakistan?

With the exception of Pakistan, all the "-stans" in that part of the world got their names from the peoples who lived in each particular region. Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, etceterastan. "Stan" is derived from Old Persian and means "homeland" or "country." (Tajikistan, land of the Tajiks. *Tajika* is Sanskrit for "Persian," even though the Tajiks might not really have been Persian. It's a very confusing part of the world.) Oh, yeah, anyway, Pakistan is the only stan that was named by a committee. *Pak* is Urdu for "pure." Urdu is the dominant language in Pakistan. You'll sometimes see Pakistan referred to as the Land of the Pure. But that's the short answer and is maybe more coincidence than the true origin of "Pak." The long answer involves more history.

Pakistan didn't even exist as a country until the late 1940s. Before then, the present-day boundary comprised five regions of British-ruled India. As the Raj dragged on, the Hindu population began to dominate the social and commercial life of the country. By the 1930s, a group of Muslim poets, scholars, and politicians at Cambridge University began agitating for more recognition of the Muslims in northern India. A famous tract published in England in 1934 referred to the "30 million Muslims of PAKSTAN." PAKSTAN was the author's quasi-acronym formed from the names of the five Muslim northern India states: Punjab, Afghanistan, Kashmir, Sindh, and Baluchistan. That was the first printed reference to the name. Later there would be a PAK Plan and a PAKSTAN Declaration, and in 1947 Pakistan, the country (with the *i* added).

Hiya:

Just wondering why it is that we have a set phrase for when someone sneezes but not when they cough or yawn.

— Matt, via e-mail

Heymatt:

Are there now or have there ever been any societies where it was socially acceptable to fart in public?

— Mr. Jones, via e-mail

If there are any now, no one would want to go there anyway, so it doesn't matter. A 19th-Century Frenchman ("Le Petomaine") once made a fairly good living farting pop tunes of the day on the vaudeville stage. He apparently had exquisite control over his ano-rectal region and could play his butt like a tuba. So, selective farting in France might be considered "socially acceptable." Farting, according to whatever written records exist about the habit, has always been considered if not exactly rude, then uncalled for. Or raucously funny, of course. Back in ancient history, farts were akin to the wind of the devil, like sneezes. Evil spirits escaping the body, which was a good thing but probably still not encouraged in large groups. Some cultures appreciate a good burp as the sign of a satisfied diner, but farts not so much. The "bless you" after a sneeze is related to its old association with evil spirits. "Bless the rest of us" might be better in the case of a fart.

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By Patrick Daugherty

Not A Chargers Column

I nod toward the refrigerator, call out, "No food, bucko." Frank turns around, disappointed. I pour two cups of coffee, hand one to guest, take the other, and sit down at my desk. "You know how there are some articles they post on the Internet and some they hold back for subscribers?"

"Yeah."

"This one is held back."

I'm talking to an old friend, who is a big deal in somebody's IT department, about an article in *Sports Illustrated*. The piece is about the horse-racing industry, and the point of it is, despite constant sniveling by aforementioned equine consortium — a news blockade by corporate sports reporters, scary customers, and shabby public areas found in many race tracks — horse racing is making very good money; horse tycoons are doing as well as any other kind of tycoon. I had thought the opposite.

Now, Frank has a long-distance, longtime friend named Beth Shannon who lives in Lexington, Kentucky. She's born and bred unto the 200th year in Kentucky and is as enraptured over thoroughbred horses and horse racing as a good Kentucky girl should be. After work she volunteers at Old Friends, a retirement-and-rescue facility for old thoroughbreds who would otherwise be sold and butchered for whatever it is they sell and butcher old thoroughbreds for.

I still remember a conversation I had with her two years back. I asked how she could be so passionate about racehorses who only had a two-year, ten-race career. She said, "For us, it's not a horse who's here for two years and then disappears after he sprained an ankle. These horses are around with us for years. They breed, and we follow their lineages. They're not flash-in-the-pan to us. They come back and stay and live with us for decades and decades."

Since then, anything interesting that comes my way about horse racing, I'll pass on to Beth, usually through Frank.

Back to the problem of getting the *SI* horse-industry story to Beth. Frank is lamenting the lack of Internet access to every last fact or thought humanity ever had. "I could scan it," Frank says. "Yes, I could do that. Scan it, save it as .doc file, and e-mail it to her." Full stop. We have inspiration followed by a celebratory smile. Frank's found a faster way. "Or, I could throw it

on the HP and fax it to her. That would work."

Isn't it nice to have so many choices in this modern world we live in? I should add that the printer he's referring to is a \$6000 color laser everything with fax modem.

I say, "Frank, how about this? It's a one-page story. Rip the page out of the magazine, fold it, slide it into an envelope, and mail it to her. Like they did in olden days."

Did you see the photo of Joe Torre being introduced to the press as the new L.A. Dodgers manager? Joe's got his business suit on minus the jacket. He's wearing a television-blue shirt and executive tie under a Dodgers jersey and blue Dodgers baseball cap. He looks like the village idiot or a pitchman hawking Arkansas lakefront lots on 4:00 a.m. television. This is an East Coast guy. I foresee an unhappy marriage.

Who goes first? The *Washington Post* reports, "Coach Andy Reid says Monday he has no plans to bench a struggling Donovan McNabb, nor will he step down in the wake of family issues."

It's hard to believe Philadelphia went to the playoffs last season. Of course, they were led there by then-backup-quarterback Jeff Garcia. Garcia was allowed to leave during the off-season and is now starting for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Bucs are leading the NFC South Division.

Philly stayed with quarterback Donovan McNabb, who fumbled and threw two interceptions Sunday night on the way to a 38-17 molestation by the Cowboys. The score hides the worst aspect of the game, to wit: the deer-in-the-headlights look McNabb wore throughout the contest. This is a man who is not ready to play NFL football.

The week prior to the big game, Coach Reid's two sons were sentenced to jail time in a Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, courtroom. Reid took a day off from work to be there.

His sons were driving while high on heroin. They were dealing drugs out of Reid's house. The judge said Reid's castle was a "drug emporium" and that there was no structure in the home.

This tells you what Reid thinks of his family. He doesn't think of his family. A lot of people are lousy parents, but this sounds like Reid has been living in a motel for the past 15 years.

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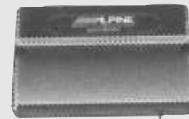
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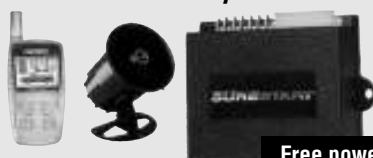
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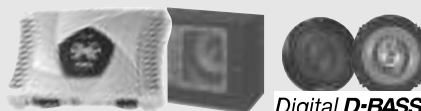
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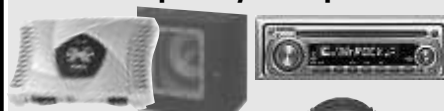
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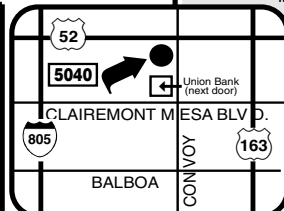
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Congregation size: about 1000

Staff size: less than 50

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Annual budget: in the hundreds of thousands

Weekly giving: n/a

Singles program: no

Dress: semiformal

Diversity: majority Caucasian

Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Website: www.fchapel.org

At Faith Chapel on Sunday, the crisis had passed; the evacuees had returned to their homes. The 150 air mattresses, donated to the church along with blankets and pillows, had been packed away. The 150 congregants who volunteered

their time to help out had gone back to their daily lives. Pastor Gary Jones told the congregation that "our Red Cross volunteers left last Wednesday, and I have to say, they left in tears. They didn't want to go — they had been so blessed by your generosity and blessed by your friendship."

Back to normal: back to "Finishing the Task," a multi-pronged effort to improve life for the Maravar people in India. Back to "Operation Turkey," to the upcoming Youth Convention, to welcoming new members. Said Jones, "We appreciate you, and look forward to many, many years together of service, looking for what God is going to do through you and through us as we partner together in reaching this community for Jesus Christ."

Music held something close to pride of place during the service; in light of this, the monster sound system and amphitheater architecture made perfect sense. There were hymns throughout, hymns that took their time to swell and recede, sometimes repeating one stanza ("Our God/ Is an awesome God/ He reigns from heaven above...") again and again while varying the approach: now just the duo of harmonizing ladies, now with just drums and strumming acoustic, now with the full complement of keyboards, male lead, and anthemic electric guitar. Music undergirded the liturgy, working in the background through the last quarter of the sermon, for instance, or wrapping around Communion to the point where the pastor's words became a sort of spoken interlude in the singing.

Sung: "So remember your people/ Remember your children/ Remember your promise, O God."

Spoken: Jones chose a line from Isaiah 52 to introduce Communion, a reference to "the suffering savior": "His appearance was so disfigured, beyond that of any man, and his form marred beyond human likeness."

Sung (during distribution of the elements): "Savior/ He can move the mountains/ My God is mighty to save..."

Spoken (with a guitar strumming underneath the words): "Lord, I thank you that you moved a mountain in my life.... You are mighty to save.... The elements we hold in our hands are more than symbols...there's something wonderful in this moment...something very strengthening, very humbling, very strong.... We hold in our hands elements — the bread, your broken body; the cup, the blood that was shed for us.... He has saved us. Hallelujah. Thank you for your salvation, O God, Hallelujah!"

Sung: "Jesus, I surrender/ I draw nearer/ I fall down/ Master, be my shelter/ Be my God..."

Student ministries pastor Tony Orlando gave the sermon, part of the "Everyday Jesus" exploration of Mark's Gospel. The disciples had been arguing about who was greatest, and Jesus rebuked them, saying, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all...I

tell you the truth: anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward." (He also referenced Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet, then drying them with a towel.)

Orlando, who made several references to sports, allowed as to how this notion of putting oneself last is "kind of contrary to everything in life. No one wakes up in the morning and goes, 'I'm going to be last today.'" Because of that, the service that Christ demands "is sacrificial.... I think about the movie *Toy Story* and the little green squeeze toys." He mimicked their voices, to the audience's delight. "The claw...I've been chosen. Somebody has to be chosen. Somebody has to sacrifice." Sacrifice, he noted, also entailed surrender — "giving something up, not knowing the outcome" — and had Jesus as an exemplar.

He pointed to the crystal goblet of water at his side and at the 720 folded white towels on the Sanctuary stairs. "The ministry of the cup and the towel...has to be at the forefront of who we are as a church.... I've seen it in action.... A few weeks ago, a cup of water meant something to a firefighter." He thanked God for "this great opportunity for this community to humble ourselves and get on our knees before those who don't know Jesus and say, 'I'm willing to humble myself and wash your feet — in Jesus' name.'"

What happens when we die?

"Our church believes that everyone is going to be judged for whether they accepted Christ and for their works," said Orlando. "We believe in the Rapture, so when the Lord comes back for His church, we will be caught up with Him, and then there's the whole process...of the separation of the sheep and the goats. He says, 'I knew you; well done,' or 'Please depart from me; I didn't know you at all.'"

— Matthew Lickona

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TONY ORLANDO

Faith Chapel Spring Valley ★★

Sermon

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delivery★★¹/₂

Liturgy★★¹/₂

Music

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—EVE KELLY

The fires hit close to home; a few friends were evacuated. “We took nothing with us,” said Andra, “which wasn’t the smartest. If the fire took our home we would have had nothing left.”

Helene packed her car with important items. “When the car was filled, we realized we still had not packed our china and silver. So we put them in the Jacuzzi. When we returned, the salt water in the Jacuzzi had ruined the silver. But our neighbors had lost their entire homes,” she explained, “and our home was spared. A good reminder of what really matters in life,” she added.

The topic got me thinking of what I would throw into my car if I had a few moments to evacuate. I also thought I’d better purchase a home emergency kit, something I could grab when evacuating and have at the house in case of a disaster like an earthquake.

Tama’ra Desatoff of Safety Max Corporation Emergency Preparedness Solutions (www.safetymax.com; 1-800-585-8506) filled me in on emergency home kits.

“People really don’t think about emergency kits or don’t really do anything about it until something strikes. And it has to strike close to home,” she added. “When you have to evacuate, you just can’t think straight. And sometimes you don’t even have any time — ‘you have to go now.’”

Desatoff offered suggestions of items to have packed and ready to go. “If you take prescription medications, you want to have some current pills packed up as well as an extra set of glasses, some clothes, and toilet paper. Make copies of important phone numbers and important papers: birth certificates, IDs, mortgage papers, insurance papers — because after the disaster, companies will want your account numbers. And you should assign one family member or friend who lives out of state as an emergency contact for the rest of the family to be able to get ahold of. That way, in the event of the phone lines being tied up, people can try to get through to that one person, and they can be a point of contact for everyone.”

Then we talked kits. Safety Max sells a wide variety of kits for offices and homeowners. We focused on multiperson kits for residences. “I recommend either the Deluxe Emergency Backpack Kit [\$92.50 for the four-person] or the Deluxe Emergency Honey Bucket [\$89.99 for the four-person],” Desatoff suggested. Both kits contain similar items. As their names suggest, one comes packed up in a backpack and the other in a bucket. “The backpack kit is good to just throw in your car to have on hand in case you get stranded somewhere. The five-gallon honey bucket can be used as a toilet, so if we were to have another earthquake and they shut

“The tablets are usually used by backpackers, but they are nice to have in case of an emergency.”

the water and electricity off [you have a toilet]. The kit comes with a 12-pack of liners to insert into the bucket for that purpose. The four-person honey bucket comes with four 2400-calorie food bars, which taste surprisingly good and have a five-year shelf life, as does the 24-pack of water that’s in there.”

For more water needs, the bucket contains 50 water-purification tablets. “People often buy gallons of water and store them for an emergency. If you ever needed to use them and the expiration date was bad, you can drop purification tablets in the water [to make it drinkable]. The tablets are usually used by backpackers, but they are nice to have in case of an emergency if you are unsure of drinking any water. The tablets help to eliminate certain bacteria.” For cooking purposes,

“the bucket comes with a camper stove and fuel tablets. The stove is a disposable stove, not something like a Coleman stove, and the fuel tablets are put in the center of the stove, and you light them for fuel.”

The kit comes with four solar blankets, “which are the space blankets that retain 90 percent of your body heat, four ponchos, four dust masks to keep smoke and dust out of your lungs, and a battery-operated radio/flashlight/siren.” It also has a 12-hour light stick, which “you snap in a few places and then shake. They are a lot thicker [than the light-up necklaces you see at Disneyland]; they light up a whole lot more, but they are still not as bright as a flashlight. But if it is dark, it is better than nothing.”

Other items in the kit: a 54-piece first-aid kit, a utility knife, a pair of leather gloves, a gas-and-water shut-off tool, waterproof matches, pry bar, Wet-Naps, and a roll of duct tape. “The kit also has a five-in-one whistle,” she explained. “If you hear people off in the distance but you can’t yell loud enough, you can whistle to get their attention. Or if you are buried underneath walls and you can hear people outside looking for people... Say your lungs are compressed — something is on top of them — it is easier to blow the whistle than to try to yell. The whistle comes in a waterproof container; it has a compass and a flint so that you can start a fire. It also has a mirror to use for signaling. Even if you just had a CD — if your car gets stranded — or you are hiking and there is a plane flying over, flickering a signal to them with a mirror or CD will get their attention before anything else.”

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Exposed as I was to the elements, I was relieved it wasn't raining, but I was thankful for the clouds, which muted the sun's glare just enough so that if I squinted, I could make out the words on my laptop screen. Since my arrival in Trevi a few days earlier, I'd learned two important life lessons: not everybody

speaks English, and not every town has Wi-Fi. As consequence of my ignorance, I was crouched on a curb in the one-street suburb of a medieval hilltop village, hijacking bandwidth from an unwitting Italian. The Wi-Fi was not found by accident — in each neighborhood we'd entered, David set out on foot with his iPhone, surveying the air for a signal. The awkward spot was not ideal, but desperation had made me less finicky. Apparently, Italians have yet to embrace the Internet

with the fervor of Americans.

After staying a week with Urs and Gudrun at their home in Sweden, the four of us hopped a flight to Rome. For three days, we frantically darted around the city and then, mentally and physically exhausted by our breakneck sightseeing, we piled into a rental car and drove two hours north to the more sedate Umbria region. Umbria, the "green heart of Italy," is the area north of Rome and south of Florence characterized by a lush landscape of silver-leaved olive trees that blanket the region's rolling hills. Perched on several hillsides are small villages founded nearly 3000 years ago with stone walls that have been standing since the 1200s. A short drive from the more popular towns of Perugia and Assisi,

Trevi (the village in which we were staying) is so off the beaten path that many maps of the region don't bother to mark it.

I was overwhelmed by the vast rural beauty and delighted by the charm of our apartment in Residenza Paradiso, a villa that has been inhabited by the family of owner and operator Emiliana for hundreds of years. When I walked in the door and across the room to the shuttered window that framed a Disney-esque, magical kingdom sort of view, I knew relaxation was but one deep breath away. I was just about to take that breath when a horrible realization struck. "*Ohmygod!*" The note of panic in my voice caused David to jerk his head my way and instinctively tense his body for fight or flight. I pointed accusingly at my laptop — the first thing I had unpacked — and said, "There's no Wi-Fi!" Because my eyes are accustomed to searching for such things in foreign accommodations, I had already ascertained that there was no Ethernet jack. David dropped his shoulders, sighed, and, for the umpteenth time in the four weeks we'd been in Europe, he put his arm around me and, in a soothing tone, said, "Don't worry, it's all going to work out just fine."

He didn't say, "It's all going to work out just fine if you set up shop on a street curb a short drive away," but there I was. At our request, Urs and Gudrun left David and me on the curb where David had detected

Wi-Fi the day before. We'd asked our friends to go and do whatever they wanted for three hours; that way, we could check our e-mail and get our net-surfing fix without the pressure that comes with knowing others are waiting for you.

When he'd had his fill of the Web, David decided to amuse himself by filming my plight with his new toy, a Canon HV20 he'd acquired to document our adventures. Minutes after David pointed his camera in my direction, an old man pulled up in a white station wagon. Leaving the engine running, the octogenarian stepped from the car and walked toward me. When he was close enough to be heard over the rumble of his motor, the man began talking. David asked him if he spoke English or French. Disregarding the question, the man kept speaking Italian and sweeping the air with his arms.

While we listened uncomprehendingly, David turned off his camera and I closed my laptop, convinced that we'd been busted for filming without a license and stealing broadband. Noticing my blank smile, the old man's face scrunched beneath his pale brown cap with the realization that I hadn't understood a word of what he'd said. For a moment he remained frustrated, but then he raised his brows, shrugged his shoulders, and continued talking, only this time he was much more animated. He gestured to his left, where a car was parked. "No, no, that's

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not our car,” I said, but the lack of understanding was mutual. It suddenly occurred to me that I had the ultimate tool for bringing strangers together, sitting right there on my lap.

I held my hand up to the man in the universal signal for, “Please, wait a moment,” and I opened my laptop and clicked on Google’s “language tools.” A moment later, I said, “*Questa non è la mia auto.*” Only I shouted it, because that’s what you do when talking at someone who doesn’t speak English; and, because I had no idea how Italian pronunciation works, it sounded more like, “KAY-STA NON AY LA MEEAH AW-TOH.” The man’s bushy white brows furrowed in confusion.

“Tell him our friends have the car,” David said.

I typed in, “We are making a personal film, we are waiting for our friends,” and pressed “Translate.” I saw the words, “*Stiamo facendo un film di personale, Siamo in attesa per I nostri amici,*” and said, “STEEYAMO FACKENDO UN FILM DE PERSONALAY, SEE-A-MO IN AH-TESA PURR EE NOSTRI AMICKEE.”

The man looked baffled. He continued to speak to me in Italian, and I kept smiling, shaking my head, and saying, “NON CAPISKO.” After ten minutes of this, another tech-related idea popped into my head. I would translate what *he* was saying! Only, it sounded to me like he was saying, “*Blah-oh, blah-ay, bambino, blah-blah-oh, tedesco blah-ay.*” I seized on the words I caught between the “blah”s and came up with “German,” “war,” “boy,” “beautiful woman,” and “five kilometers down the road.” Like playing MadLibs, all I had were a handful of nouns and verbs compiling a nonsensical story. I was beginning to feel I had it all figured out when Urs and Gudrun finally returned. “Oh, thank God, Urs!” I cried. I pointed at Urs and

shouted toward my new friend, “ME AMISEE PARLA ITALIANO.” To Urs, I said, “I think this man is trying to tell us a war story and something about a restaurant down the road called Bella Donna.”

Urs and the old man chatted, gestured wildly, and laughed, while David, Gudrun, and I waited quietly on the sidelines. As abruptly as he had arrived, the elderly Italian returned to his car and drove away. David and I looked to Urs for an explanation. We expected him to confirm our Google-aided findings, but it seems our deciphering abilities were as deficient as my pronunciation skills.

As Urs explained, while I was yelling, “THIS IS NOT OUR CAR” in a language that hardly resembled the old guy’s native tongue, he was trying to tell me that I reminded him of his wife when he first fell in love with her. While I was screaming, “OUR FRIENDS DROPPED US OFF AND WILL RETURN SOON,” he was telling me a story about his German friend who lives up the street and has a pretty wife, but that his friend’s wife is not nearly as beautiful as his. Apparently, the old man had also told us a story about his youth, when he and some friends hid three deserting German soldiers in a basement for three months, supplying them with news, food, and

water. And when I was pleading our case for making a personal film, the smiling gentleman was speaking of my hair, and how his wife, despite her mature years, still has long, dark locks. While chatting with Urs, the man had added, “and her tits are still up to here,” making one of the many wild gestures followed by laughter that I had watched without comprehension.

When Urs finished relating the information,

David and I — two thieves driven to apprehension by our guilt — exchanged embarrassed glances. We had assumed the man wanted to complain about our actions and shoo us on our shameful way. But in reality, even after he learned we could not understand him, the archaic gent just wanted to borrow the ears of two foreign travelers who happened to catch his eye and regale us with his life’s stories. ■



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For a while, I thought the homegrown locals were lacking in perspective and worldliness. I met quite a few who had never seen snow fall or leaves turn colors, and they didn't feel as if they were missing anything. Then I met some dynamic indigenous individuals who began to turn my thinking around. They'd traveled and lived in other places. They loved it here, but they'd also learned enough to be able to criticize "America's Finest City."



Kathleen Whalen

A Native Sees San Diego through the Eyes of a Visitor

Kathleen Whalen, born January 9, 1973, at Scripps Memorial Hospital. Went to Mission Bay

High School. Lives in Ocean Beach. Works in the family business, which owns local real estate.

"I've traveled all over Europe and all over California. I lived in Manhattan, I lived in England, I lived in Paris, I lived in Santa Cruz, and I've traveled on holiday all over Mexico and Baja. My family also has an apartment in Cabo. I'd say I've spent maybe a quarter of my adult life outside San Diego.

"When you come from a place that's a vacation destination for

people all over the world, you start to realize that where you come from is pretty idyllic. And if you can see it objectively, through the fresh eyes of a visitor, you really appreciate it. And when you return from being elsewhere, you just see the beauty of it.

"The best thing about San Diego for me is being near the ocean. It's a huge force of nature. A lot of people don't realize how the ocean creates that laid-back feeling because it pretty much calms everything down and maybe even puts people into a state of hypnosis. Hypnosis-slash-inaction. We have a lot of loafers. But they don't usually last very long. They usually go back to Kansas.

"The worst thing

about San Diego is, I guess, maybe the apathy. In a way, there's not a lot of people actively involved with the shaping of our city, or the culture of our city. We're very young, we're just growing up, and I wish there were more people involved with the planning, because the whole city is exploding right now, and we're having sort of a renaissance, but people would rather go to the beach.

"California, in general, has always had that pioneering spirit, and for me, it's never been a feeling of, like, 'This is our space, back out.' I don't have that kind of attitude. For example, we have the most Nobel laureates on the planet in San Diego, and there's a reason why. And I don't

say to myself, 'Well, go back to Poland or Russia or whatever country evicted you for your original thoughts.'

"I think the tourists are good for the economy. I just think that they should learn that it's okay to miss the turn and make a U-turn and come back and try again, instead of cutting across four lanes of traffic. That creates a little bit more chaos for us in the summer.

"Friends of mine who've moved away, stayed away mainly because of things they wanted to do that they couldn't do here. Like, maybe a dancer wants to be in New York, or someone into working with certain types of technology wants to be more up north. But a lot of people



Alexandra Schlein

who don't like this place end up having a negative attitude, because it's not easy to be here. It's an expensive city, and you have to hustle to make it. People come out here with this *Wizard of Oz* thing going on, and then when they realize they're going to have to move and work and do stuff, they start to realize that this place isn't just one big holiday.

"Whenever I go anywhere else, outside the country, I never speak about being an American. I say I'm Californian. Because California is its own little thing. This is the most progressive, innovative state, and we have that pioneering spirit. We are the last frontier. We're the farthest west you can go. And that's just the way it works.

"But if I could live anywhere else, I would live in Europe, because I like the lifestyle. I like their approach to day-to-day life in terms of socializing.

"For a lot of Americans, and a lot of Californians as well, there's still that Puritanical guilt about enjoyment. But, for working this hard, what are we doing it for?

There's a lot of people in this country, and even in San Diego, who go home every day after they're done doing whatever they have to do to get paid, and they don't leave their house. In Europe, they might go have a coffee with a friend on the way home. Or, you know, go for a walk in a park. Or something. But don't just go back to the box!"

Tourists Don't Tip Well

Alexandra Schlein, born February 29, 1984, in Blythe, CA. Went to Point Loma High School and lives in University Heights. Waitress and student at UCSD. "Technically, I wasn't born in San Diego. We lived here, but my parents drove me out to Blythe because my uncle

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was an obstetrician, and my mom gave birth to me out there with him.

"So I've lived here my whole life, but I've spent a lot of time on the East Coast, because that's where my dad's side of the family is from. New York City and Vermont, and also New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. I've also been to Colorado a bunch of times, and Switzerland. I backpacked through Europe after high school. I've been to Switzerland a lot, because I have a kind of side job where I'm a courier of luxury watches.

"Growing up, I would spend my summers away. I was in Colorado or New York a lot. But I would say I've spent over 80 percent of

my life in San Diego.

"I'm growing to like this city. I mean, growing up, I hated it. Because it offered me very little that excited me. You know, I got to sail, which was cool, but, I mean, as far as exposure to the arts, or people who were highly driven and highly educated, I got a lot of that good stuff in New York, or when I went to Vermont, even.

"I think I was lucky to grow up here, but it would have been nice to have a white Christmas, you know?

"San Diego is sort of like an orgy of all different types of people. The best thing about this place is that the cream of the crop of people from around the country end up here, because it's got a lot of good resources

and amazing weather.

"But I could die a happy woman if I never saw another tourist. We need them for industry, but the ones who come from Arizona, or the ones who come here for the good weather, I mean, they're like the people who don't know how to tip well and don't know how to drive. Economically, we're driven by them, but aesthetically, I have no liking.

"I do think it's better to be an adult in this city than it is to be a kid here. Because as a kid, living in Point Loma, I was surrounded only by what was around me, and San Diego natives are less interesting than people from the rest of the country. Now I have a wider range, and I can move around and pick



Wendy Kellogg

and choose and find what I need to sustain me.

"I would say that San Diego's blessing is its curse. The weather. Because we're completely unseasoned people here. It's like in wine. The things that you add to stabilize a wine also make it less dynamic and interesting. We have such a complete stability here and just a lack of

seasoning.

"Whenever someone moves here, I'm always a little skeptical. My initial subconscious reaction is, 'Okay, you're a complacent person, aren't you?' Because people come here to enjoy the complacent weather. But I have to say that isn't totally valid. It's just sort of my first thought, like, 'Why would you come here?'

"There's an Elizabeth Bishop poem that actually expresses my thoughts perfectly about people who come here. The poem's called 'Florida,' and the last line is 'Far from the love affair, far from the storm.' And that's the San Diego mentality exactly.

"This just seems to be a city that utterly

lacks any sort of rapture. That's the price of stability and comfort, I guess."

Everybody I Knew from High School Moved Away

Wendy Kellogg, born Scripps Hospital, January 2, 1981. Went to the Bishop's School and lives in Rancho Bernardo. Manager at Loews Coronado Bay Resort and Spa.

"I've traveled all over Europe. I've been to Argentina and Russia as well. My dad is chairman of the USTA, the tennis association, and there's Davis Cup matches all over the world. So he would travel wherever the teams played, and I tagged along. When I was a junior in high school, I was a student ambassador, and I got to



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go to Scotland and Ire-
land and England. I've
never lived outside of
San Diego, except when I
was in college, and then I
lived outside L.A., in
Claremont, when I went
to Pitzer for four years.
I'd say 95 percent of my
life has been spent here,
though.

"San Diego is the
best. The weather is the
best thing about it, but
it's also the worst,
because we don't have
seasons.

"I know a lot more
nonlocals than locals,
and I suppose they're dif-
ferent, but it depends on
how long they've been
here. I think that this
place relaxes people.
They seem to slow down.
It's different out here.
Different priorities, I
suppose. Everybody likes
to be outside. San Die-
gans are outside people.
They also like to spend a
lot of time doing very lit-
tle, I think. Not that
they're lazy, just laid
back.

"I don't like the
tourists here, though.
They're great for the
economy, and I respect
that, but I don't like
them in the summer.
They ruin the city.
Because you can't get
anywhere. I grew up in
La Jolla Shores, and I
couldn't even park in
front of my house in the
summer. I mean, they're
fine as people — I grew
up with tourist friends
because I spent my sum-
mers at the La Jolla
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Club — but maybe it's
just the sheer number of
them. I don't like how
they congest our city.

"Everybody I knew
from high school moved
away. They went to
Boston, San Francisco,
and a lot went to New
York. And they stayed
away. Strange. I don't
know anyone who
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went in May, and May in Florida is perfect. And everybody there was nice. Everybody said hello. They weren't rude to strangers. Unlike the people here, who don't seem to have any manners. But I guess I'd like to live in a walking city, like Boston, where you don't have to drive. That would be really cool.

"Family brought me back to San Diego,

though. Familiarity. It's a good place."

This Isn't a Well-Read City

Lizz Huerta, born February 25, 1979, at Bay General Hospital in Chula Vista. Went to Hilltop High School, lives in Golden Hill, and works as a faux-finish painter. "I've traveled all over Mexico and Europe, and Puerto Rico, and a lot of

the United States. I've also lived in central Mexico, and I lived for about four months in Switzerland as well. But I've probably spent 90 percent of my life in San Diego.

"I like the weather. I like that my family's here. I like being on the ocean. And I like being on an international border that offers a whole different world just a few

minutes away.

"I don't like traffic. I don't like that this doesn't seem to be a very well-read city. This city seems to lack the intensity that you find in cities in other parts of the world. I think there's places in the world where you walk around and you feel this connectedness to the people and the place. Like Paris, New York, Mexico City. I don't

like that you can't walk anywhere here. If you don't have a car, you're screwed in San Diego.

"I think the nonlocals that I've spoken to have all given me the same feedback, that it's very hard to make friends in San Diego.

"The friends I have are very specific to my interests, since I'm involved in the arts scene. We've worked

together as artists. I'm a poet, and I'm involved in Voz Alta, downtown, the nonprofit Latino arts organization. And I have some other friends from high school here as well.

"I don't really interact that much with the tourists, but they seem to enjoy themselves here.

"A lot of people I went to high school with have moved away for college and careers, and although no one's really come back, I'm only ten years out of high school, so I think people are still building their lives at this point.

"My sister moved away for a while and then came back. She went to college in San Francisco and then worked up there for a while and then came back. The family business required her presence here.

"Family, pretty much, is what brought me back here as well. I work for the family business too, and it's an ideal situation for me. I can work for my dad for part of the year and then take off a couple months and travel and then come back and work and then take off and travel, and I always have a job waiting for me.

"But I love to travel. And what I really want to do as a poet is to live poetry. I feel like when I'm out in the world, away from everything that I'm familiar with, I get distilled down into the very purest form of myself, and my writing seems to come from a purer place because I'm not surrounded by things I'm familiar with. So I go out of my comfort zone. I have a great situation where I can go back and forth between the two poles of being very comfortable and way outside of any comfort and free of any responsibility.

"But if I couldn't live here, I'd probably live in the south of Mexico, because it's a tropical cli-

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mate and it reminds me of Puerto Rico, where my mother's from."

I'm Never Leaving This Place

Jill Tatman, born December 12, 1950, in the Navy Hospital in Coronado. Went to Hoover High School, lives in Jamul, and currently goes to culinary school. "I've been to Australia and all over Europe and the U.S. My husband's an electrical contractor, so his job has taken us all over the world. I've traveled a lot, but I've never lived outside of San Diego. I mean, when I

was little, when I was probably four, I lived in Missouri for six months, but that was it. I hated it. It was cold. And I got really homesick. I just went there to stay with my grandparents for a while, but I didn't like it at all.

"But I've been all over, and I have to say that San Diego is the best. My dad was from Missouri, and he came here when he was 17 and he was in the Navy. He called his mom, and he said, 'You know what? The sun is shining, and I'm never leaving this place.' My mom was from Chicago, and it was pretty much the same



Jill Tatman



Joan Kirkwood-Miley

thing. They never wanted to go back. My husband's from Chicago as well, and he's the only one on his side of the family who got out. And we tell the younger members of his family, when we go back there, you know, 'Get out while you're young.' When you live in those cold areas, you have to escape before

you're strapped with a family.

"The weather and the people here are the best. You talk to other people, and they say the people here are kind of snobbish, but I don't see that. I'm a real people person anyways. I talk to everybody. And I think you learn from everybody that you talk to.

"I think the traffic now has become the worst thing about San Diego.

"I think people are lucky if they can afford to move here. And I think it's great that everybody wants to come here to visit.

"I have a friend that lives in Kansas City, because she married a man who's from there. And she comes back to visit and she misses it here. She stayed away, but it wasn't by choice.

"I've never even contemplated living anywhere else. There's no question that I'll never leave here."

I Didn't Know I Lived in Paradise

Joan Kirkwood-Miley, born August 29, 1950, at Quintard Hospital downtown. Went to Hoover High School, lives in Mount Helix, and works as a legal advocate. "I left San Diego in 1969. I met my husband very close to my 17th birthday, and he was drafted, during the Vietnam War, so we went to West Germany and lived there for a year and a half. And then we moved back to Ohio, where my husband

is from, and we lived there for about 20 years.

"But I had never left here before that, except for short vacations. I had no clue how snow worked. I had no idea about freezing pipes. I didn't know about ice on the roads. And I didn't own a coat or a pair of boots. So by the time we got to Chardon, Ohio, which is 35 miles east of Cleveland, which is right in the middle of one of the only snow belts in the country, I wasn't really ready for 150 inches of snow a year. I didn't even know about storm windows. I couldn't believe that I would open the window and there was another window. But my husband was transferred to Chardon for his job, so we lived there for two decades.

"We finally moved back about ten years ago, because the timing and the situation just worked out. But I always knew that I couldn't grow old in Ohio. It's hard to be old there. They had this phrase, 'If the weather's okay.' You never hear that here. If you plan a picnic, you have a picnic. You don't worry about whether it's going to rain. So that's a phrase I

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"In the Midwest, people are family oriented. Which is nice, in a way, but it also keeps things kind of closed. Here, if you stand in line

at the bank, and there's six other people in line, five of them are going to talk to you. And it's not so much that way in other places. One of the first questions I was always asked in Chardon was 'Who's your family? Who are you connected to in town?' They weren't used to outsiders. Once you get to know them, they're very friendly, but they need to connect you to something, and they need to know who and what you are. That doesn't matter so much here.

"The number of

people in San Diego has made it difficult nowadays. I miss a lot of things about the '50s. Like the drive to L.A. There used to be a lot of orange groves. And there used to be a lot less traffic.

"You get such an exposure to so many different cultures here. I like the melting pot in San Diego. I always have.

"I remember the joke when I was in high school was, you could always tell a tourist because they would have on a Hawaiian print shirt, Bermuda shorts,



Arron Reynolds

hard-soled shoes, and black socks. The tourists are funny. The locals like to laugh at them.

"My husband's cousin, who was also my best friend in high school, moved away, and she never moved back. I happened to run into her again at a wedding last year, and she just doesn't care for San Diego. And she was born and raised here. But she lives now in

Maryland. She didn't elaborate, but she did make it very clear that she would never move back here. She didn't care for it. I think she likes the change in seasons, for one thing. And I must admit, if I could change one thing, I would have autumn. I had never seen the leaves change, and that was spectacular. Sadly, what followed it wasn't. Once the leaves fell off the trees, I just gulped. I knew what was coming.

"If I couldn't live here, I wouldn't move any farther away than Orange County. I never want to live away from Southern California again. I grew up in paradise, but before I moved away I didn't really know it. I literally just had no clue."

I've Never Seen Snow Fall

Arron Reynolds, born November 22, 1975, at Sharp Memorial Hospital. Went to James Madison Senior High School, lives in University Heights, and is the general manager of the Pearl Hotel.

"I've been to New York, Miami, San Francisco. I go to Las Vegas a lot because my family has a house there. The only time I've ever been outside the United States was when I've gone to Tijuana, Ensenada, and Rosarito. I've been here my whole life.

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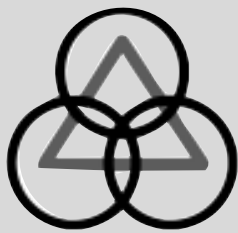
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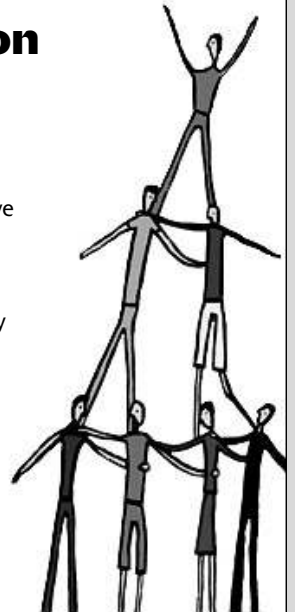
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"I love the weather, of course. And having all the beaches just a hop, skip, and a jump away. And I love the people. For the most part, everybody here is friendly and outgoing. And we're a very relaxed city. A lot of



Mark Lippman

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Europe, Mexico, Tahiti, and the East Coast of the U.S. I've lived in L.A. and San Francisco, and I also lived in Italy for a year and a half. I've spent maybe 80 percent of my life in San Diego, though.

"The weather's awesome, and coastal San Diego is pretty, but we lack some of the features of a cosmopolitan city, like sophistication in the arts and entertainment. We're more of a suburb as opposed to what a real city has to offer.

"In La Jolla, in particular, there's an awful lot of materialism. A sin-

gle-mindedness for money. But that problem doesn't exist all over San Diego. There are pockets here and there. But I'd say that's the biggest problem in La Jolla.

"I have no opinion about people who move here or about the tourists. I don't like it when it's crowded, but I don't blame anyone for coming here.

"I think this is a good place to raise a family. And although I say we lack the cosmopolitan lifestyle of some of the bigger cities, I only like to visit those places. I

wouldn't want to live there. San Diego is a good composite. And for me, the weather is a big deal. Heat and humidity kill me. And when you think about it, there aren't many places in the summer where you can avoid that."

San Diego Will Never Be Anything but Home

Rich White, born May 29, 1965, in Sharp Hospital. Went to James Madison High School. Lives in Mission Valley and works as a retail manager for Cal Stores.

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"It's beautiful here. You've got your beaches and the mountains and the deserts, all in your backyard. And it's home to me. It's always home, and it'll never be anything else but home."

"I've played in snow, but I've never seen snow fall. I've never seen the leaves change. I guess I take it for granted what I



Rich White



Ron Hall

have here, but I don't see what I would gain if I moved somewhere else.

"I don't know where else I would live. I really don't know. I guess I would just make the best of it, wherever I ended up."

Less of a Perfect Place

Ron Hall, born January 1, 1950, in Mercy Hospital. Went to Mt. Miguel High School in Spring Valley. Lives in Middletown and currently has a screen-printing and embroidery business. "I wouldn't say I've traveled extensively, but definitely some. The only time I ever left the U.S., I went to Mexico. I went to school at Cal-Poly Pomona, and I lived over in Hawaii for about six months, but other than that, I've spent my whole life here in San Diego."

"And San Diego's awesome. I always knew it growing up. At the right time of the year, you can go up and be in the snow in the Lagunas and then, on the same day, go surfing. That variety is all nearby."

"The crowding that's happened in the last, well, 40 years has made this less of a perfect place. And I've definitely had some disappointments about some of the leadership of our city at different times."

"But growth is something that sustains us. So you have to have some kind of growth, but I would hate for San Diego to become just some kind of retirement city. And the expense of this place is starting to make it difficult for anyone who hasn't made a lot of money to buy a home and to live."

RESEARCH STUDIES



Do You Suffer From Recurrent Genital Herpes?

We are conducting a research study with an investigational medication to see if it helps reduce the healing time for genital herpes outbreaks.

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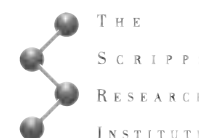
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Avoiding the scale?

Are you:

- A non-diabetic?
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Is your Schizophrenia medication making you heavy?

If you have been diagnosed with schizophrenia and would like to participate in a study that monitors weight, you might consider participating in a medical research study that is studying an investigational drug for schizophrenia.

You may qualify if you are:

- Diagnosed with schizophrenia
- Between 18 and 65 years old
- Have taken Zyprexa (Olanzapine) or Risperdal (Risperidone) for the past 3 months
- Have not been hospitalized for schizophrenia in the past 3 months

Those who qualify will receive study-related procedures, such as physical exams, laboratory tests, and study medication.

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Do you constantly worry? Every day?

Do you feel nervous, tense, or "on edge" most of the time? Do you have trouble sitting still or is it impossible for you to simply relax? Are you having trouble sleeping? If so, you may be suffering from Generalized Anxiety Disorder. Affiliated Research Institute in Mission Valley is currently seeking adults between the ages of 18 and 64 who have been diagnosed with or are experiencing symptoms of Generalized Anxiety Disorder to participate in a research study of an investigational medication. Participants will receive all study drugs and study-related medical care at no cost. Health insurance is not needed to participate. So, if anxiety is getting in the way of a full life for you or someone you love, please visit our website or call.

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UCSD research study on

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The UCSD Psychopharmacology Research Initiatives Center of Excellence is conducting a research study of the effects of an investigational drug, not approved by the FDA, versus a placebo (sugar pill) on Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

Participants will be compensated for time and travel.

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Is waking up tonight affecting your tomorrow?

Do you or someone you know have trouble staying asleep? Is it affecting daytime activities? A study of an investigational medication is under way for people who have trouble staying asleep, characterized by waking up throughout the night (sleep maintenance insomnia).

To qualify for participation in this research study, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have trouble staying asleep through the night
- Be impacted in your daily life by your sleep problems

If you qualify and choose to participate in this study, you will receive an initial consultation, study-related examinations and laboratory evaluations, all follow-up visits, and you may receive study medication at no charge to you. Compensation for time and travel provided.

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Sadness, low energy, trouble sleeping, can't concentrate... Depression – have your symptoms returned?

Clinical research study for adults with depression.

If you or someone you know is:

- 18-55 years of age
 - Currently experiencing a depressive episode and have a history of recurrent depression
- You may be eligible to participate in this clinical research study.

Qualified study participants will receive:

- A comprehensive medical evaluation as it relates to the study
 - Supervised care by medical professionals during the study
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Carl Howell

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Carl Howell, born February 15, 1960, at Mercy Hospital. Went to University of San Diego High School. Lives in Banker's Hill and works as vice president of sales for Frazee Paint.

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town feel. It's a great place to raise a family. It has the whole package, really. It has professional sports, great shopping centers, great restaurants. And it has the nicest beaches, literally, I think, in the world.

"The worst things are the traffic congestion and the high cost of living.

"I think the people who relocate here are genuinely trying to find a home. I don't think San Diego is a big transient area like some of the big-

ger cities. The people that I know, who are professionals, who live and work here, are here to stay. They truly love San Diego.

"The tourists don't bother me at all. I think the tourists are great. Other than trying to find a parking space at the beach in the summertime.

"I do know people who moved away from here, but not by choice. Most of them were transferred for work or they were in the military. I can't tell you too many people with any type of roots whatsoever in San Diego who left and stayed away.

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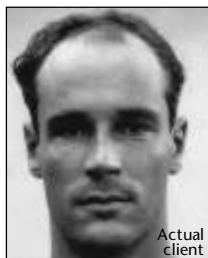
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God Bless Anyone Who Wants to Move Here

Peter Farantelli, born June 3, 1937, in Mercy Hospital. Went to San Diego High School. Now retired, he lives on State Street, in the same house where he's lived since 1940.

"I've been to Europe, the East Coast, Canada, and some parts of Mexico. But I've only ever spent a minuscule percentage of my life outside San Diego — I'd say much less than a year of my whole life, total.

"I do think I have some perspective on San Diego. The place has become large, but it still



Peter Farantelli

has a small footprint in most people's minds. This is a city that a lot of people don't understand. Many years ago, people thought that San Diego was nothing more than a military town. And nowadays, people think it's just a tourist destination.

"The best thing about this town is that people are very copasetic, in general. And there are so many people here from so many cultures and from so many different parts

of the United States. People seem to like the bayside location and the weather and the casual atmosphere. So we've ended up with a unique populace here.

"I'm sorry, but I haven't been able to find anything that I could point my finger to that I would say is the worst thing about San Diego.

"God bless anyone who wants to move here. If I lived in 30 degrees below zero, someplace in the Dakotas, I'd want to come here, too. So I say, 'Welcome.' Because everyone brings something to this city.

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Kyra Redenbaugh, born September 28, 1987, in Mercy Hospital. Went to San Diego High School and lives in North Park. Student at City College and works at Bread & Cie in Hillcrest. "I've been to Canada, Tijuana, and Washington DC. I went to all of those places when I was little. Tijuana for a day, Canada for a week, and Washington DC for a week. I've also gone to San Luis Obispo and Long Beach, for a day or two, but other than that, does Del Mar count? So,



Kyra Redenbaugh

I guess I've only been outside of San Diego for about 18 days of my life. I even grew up and went to school in the same neighborhood where I live now. One house, two apartments, and three schools, all within a mile and a half of each other.

"I keep hearing that San Diegans are really compartmental and two-dimensional. In other words, everybody here does what he does, and we separate everything. We don't mix work with school, and

we don't share a lot. A lot of people seem to think that San Diegans don't make good friends and that we make better acquaintances.

"A lot of people come here to become San Diegans, which I really hate. They dye their hair and wear flip-flops and try to look like we do. But being San Diegan isn't a fashion statement.

"I was definitely spoiled by growing up here. I admit it. Anything below 74 and above 75 degrees, I'm not happy with. I hate when it rains. I even hate when it sprinkles. I hate clouds. I do think I complain about a lot of stuff. And I think if I lived anywhere else, I'd be angry. But I don't plan on leaving. And I don't plan on being anywhere that isn't super sunny, happy, and two-dimensional." ■

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— Bob Bourquin

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Ellen Derner is 29 and works in a south-east San Diego kindergarten as a teacher's aide. Her father shied away from the miracle elixirs, but 20 years ago, when she too was nine, he quit his job, sold everything that wouldn't fit in the back of a U-Haul, loaded Ellen, her mother, and two sisters in the family car, left his native Montreal, and started driving south — to somewhere it didn't snow. Ellen had spent the previous summer with an aunt in Florida, where the series of colds and the terrible, persistent cough which had prompted the desperate move seemed to have subsided. Florida was too humid though, so they drove west. When they reached Arizona, Ellen stopped coughing, but her mother didn't want to live in Arizona and they continued on to Los Angeles. The smog in L.A. was unbearable so they again turned south, coming to a stop in San Diego.

"As it turns out, though," says Ellen,

"the climate doesn't make any difference, and about a year after we got here I got sick again. It was diagnosed [falsely] as tuberculosis and I was bedridden for eight or nine months...they were pretty sure I was going to die. My parents regretted we'd left Canada then." But they stayed, suffering through the unexplained illnesses and colds until a firm diagnosis was made when she was 19.

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nique. "They put my whole body in a plastic bag with just my head sticking out the top and waited for me to sweat so they could collect and measure it." But it could have been worse, according to Ellen. "They used to wrap kids in wool blankets and make them run around the hospital."

She herself never doubted the outcome of the tests. "I knew I had all the symptoms. So I finally went back to University and paid to have it redone." Positive again. She had cystic fibrosis.

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The disease first appeared in the scientific literature in 1936 as congenital cystic pancreatic fibromatosis and bronchiectasis syndrome, a mouthful of

a name that basically meant doctors were finding some very sick babies with a puzzling combination of symptoms previously thought unrelated: chronic lung infection in patients who also developed fibrous and cystlike scarring of the pancreas. By 1938 researchers were satisfied that the strange combination was caused by a single disease and they trimmed the name to fibrocystic disease of the pancreas, but still not a lot was known about it. Doctors were telling mothers, "We don't know why it is, but these babies all follow the same pattern. You can't find any food to agree with them, and then they get pneumonia and die." When the accepted name became cystic fibrosis a few years later,



Bob Bourquin

the disease had become distinguished, said one textbook, "for the frequency with which it was correctly diagnosed for the first time at post mortem."

A more useful method of diagnosis was developed as a result of observations made during a New York City heat wave in 1948. As is common



Ellen Derner

during a heat wave, hospital emergency rooms began filling up with victims of heat stroke brought on by excessive salt and fluid loss. A pair of doctors noted that a curiously high number of these persons seemed to have cystic fibrosis and they began wondering why. It was soon

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Yet it is unfortunate that the sweat test Ellen Derner described is so often incorrectly done, because it is the only conclusive test for an incurable and poorly understood disease. Cystic fibrosis (CF) occurs in one-fourth of the offspring from two parents who carry the genetic trait; it is the greatest genetic killer of young people in this country, with as many as 1 out of every 20 Caucasians believed to carry the gene. Such carriers are not affected by the disease, however, and since they show absolutely no symptoms, cannot be identified; despite the highly promising work of several researchers, at the moment

the only sure way of identifying a carrier of CF is by working backward: the parents of a child with CF must carry the gene.

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In the '50s a CF child could not be expected to reach school age. By the mid-'60s the average life expectancy had grown to age 11. Now, with better treatment and earlier detection, the national Cystic Fibrosis Foundation projects that half of all CF patients born today will live past the age of 21. But increased longevity has in many cases become something of a mixed blessing for longer-lived patients who have become grown-ups burdened with a disease perceived almost exclusively — both by the general medical community and the public — as an affliction of children only.

The executive director of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's local chapter is Winnie Burke, an energetic and outspoken woman in her mid-40s who directs the chapter's fund-raising and public-education activities from her office on Fourth

Avenue in Hillcrest. "When I first took this job," she says, "the first time I got close to a kid who died, I sat here in my office and I cried and cried. The other woman who was working in the office at that time came in and she said, 'If you're going to react like that every time one of these kids dies, I don't think you're going to be suited for this job.' I looked at her and I said, 'If I don't react this way, I don't think I'm going to be suited for this job.' " In the intervening ten years, Burke has had no shortage of opportunities to adjudge her job fitness, since this series of events repeats itself in her office with distressing regularity.

Like virtually anyone whose life has been touched by cystic fibrosis, Winnie Burke learned its lessons quickly. Doctors have called it "the great masquerader." It can be subtle, whimsical, merciless, and above all, arbitrary. For a CF patient, life is a misshapen path of sharp turns and detours about which nothing is predictable except that it always leads downhill, sometimes gently, sometimes

steeply. The disease is mad-deningly erratic; what happens to one person is no indication of what will happen to another. Within a single family one child might die at a few years of age while another makes it into his 30s to become one of CF's "old folks." But such reprieves are understood to be only temporary. Today's apparent good health, the brisk seven-mile run, the 75-mile bike ride, the workout at the gym, all too frequently give way to next week's ten-day hospital stay. One minute's laughter becomes the next minute's wrenching cough, which, sometimes, leads to the burst artery and coughed-up blood of hemoptysis. And if it doesn't, there is always the fear.

If these are extremes — the more common story of CF being one of frail, barrel-chested children, of frequently missed school and canceled family vacations — they are not atypical; it is a disease which defies neat description. It is a disease Camus or Sartre would have understood, for it teaches the meaning of existentialism as few things can.

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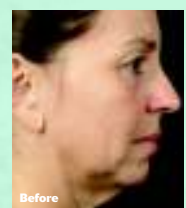
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In 1967 cystic fibrosis became part of the life of an attractive, composed Coronado woman named Judy Longfellow. Her son, Mark, was 14 months old at the time and she recognized, she says, "that something was wrong. He had diarrhea an awful lot and was eating me out of house and home — 18 pancakes at one sitting, that sort of thing; it was incredible. It was some time before we came up with the diagnosis, because after

we had tried eliminating different foods [to check for allergies], we did a sweat test at Mercy Hospital which came back negative. But our doctor was very suspicious that Mark had CF, so we took him up to Children's Hospital for more work. They did several tests and they all came back positive.

"There was a panel of doctors, there were like three, and we went into this room — Ralph [her husband] wasn't with me. It was a very dark dismal kind of room, a room that would hold maybe 30 people, and we sat in this little nucleus and they basically told me Mark had CF, and they didn't really elaborate

much at all except to say that it was a very harsh disease. Then they sent me on my way."

But a few days later Mrs. Longfellow and her husband were provided with a few details by their specialist at Children's.

"He came into the room and he said, 'Well, you might as well know right now that if your son coughs, that's just about the end; he will probably not last three months. He'll never be able to go to school.' The picture he painted for us was very, very black. So we were left with absolutely no hope that this child would live to be two years old.... His manner was very matter-of-

fact, he was in the room maybe three minutes; he went through all this stuff and then he was gone. That angered me considerably."

Mark first exhibited the deep, thick cough of CF when he got a lung infection about six months after this. The doctor's three-month time limit proved wrong, however, and Mark *did* go to school — where he excelled. He was tested at the age of six and found capable of doing college-level math. "He loved math," said his mother, "just loved it." He was also an avid baseball player and one year he became a Little League all-star. Not until last spring, when Mark was 14 years old,

did he die.

Mark was a child with a lot of friends, and in spite of his disease he led an active life, but it was a life punctuated by visits to the hospital. In contrast to some CF kids, who by the age of 13 may have been in as many as 30 times, Mark, says his mother, "wasn't in really a lot. Maybe seven times. There was one period where he went for almost two years without a hospital stay."

Usually such hospitalizations are for what is referred to in CF jargon as a "tune-up." Tune-ups become necessary when a cold stirs up the bacteria in a CF patient's lungs; they usually last 10 to 14 days,

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It is one of CF's more unnecessary tragedies that the type of callous (and often ignorant) welcome to the medical world which Judy Longfellow received is far from uncommon. And though families have had the amazing luck of having a child correctly diagnosed the very first time he got sick, the stories of wrong diagnoses, missed diagnoses, and refused diagnoses are legion among the CF community. One man told of having "pneumonia, or some problem, as an infant"; "repeated illnesses" all through his youth; "what was diagnosed as viral pneumonia three times" in his early teens; "mononucleosis during college"; "and other problems off and on." One physician was "convinced" he had tuberculosis and "kept running skin tests. He couldn't understand why they kept turning out negative." He spoke of being given 40 different diagnoses — with any one as good as another — and of being

treated for "allergies" until his mid-20s.

It was the ironic ill fortune of this man, now 35, to be too healthy and longlived to be considered a candidate for cystic fibrosis. Nor is this sort of episode confined to the

backwoods of medicine: as recently as two years ago, and based upon the erroneous results of a sweat test conducted by placing a plastic baggie over one hand, a pulmonary specialist at one of San Diego's most respected

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Just as common as the litany of false diagnoses and incorrect treatments are the attendant tales of mental turmoil compounded by physicians who failed either to recognize the medical subtleties and variability of CF or to

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all related and that it had a name." But her doctors, she says, couldn't understand that. "One of them stood in my room and yelled at me that this was something that was going to kill me and that I had better start taking it seriously. They couldn't understand what a relief it was to have it all explained, to have it all make sense."

The medical mistakes are understandable given that virtually nothing in CF is orderly — diabetes, liver disease, and sterility can develop in addition to the respiratory and digestive disorders; and it can be found among blacks and Hispanics, though it is disproportionately a disease of whites. But what is harder to understand is that the predominant attitude within the medical community seems based on an image of CF drawn largely from the '50s. The general medical community maintains a picture of CF similar to that put forth recently by the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine*. In an editorial, they pronounced CF "a grim sentence, usually prolonged through

an unhappy adolescence to a sad, inevitable end." This attitude, unfortunately, is often reflected in the medical care dispensed by physicians who hold it, and it is this situation which contributes to the unrestrained joy most CF patients and families feel when they finally do find a physician familiar with their disease.

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The San Diego Cystic Fibrosis and Pediatric Pulmonary Disease Center at University Hospital is 1 of 125 specialized centers supported by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The medical care of approximately 160 local CF patients is supervised here by Dr. Ivan Harwood, center director, and Dr. Nancy Olmsted, center codirector.

The center's administrative facilities and offices are located two blocks south of the hospital in a former residence on Front Street that has since been named "CF House." One of these offices is used by Dr. Harwood; its appearance tells a great deal about the man who, says one of his patients, "can't tell any-

body they're going to get better. They can plateau and remain stable, but all of his patients are going to die." On the walls hang photographs of children he has cared for; in a corner sits an old wooden desk littered with papers and a wide assortment of items: a microscope which appears older than van Leeuwenhoek's; a small ceramic elephant; a rack of smoking pipes; and the disordered components of a unique filing system referred to by others in the office as the CFIS — the Cystic Fibrosis Information Sink, into which correspondence and other printed matter often vanish for wondrously long periods of time.

Ivan Harwood came to San Diego in 1970 and joined the faculty at UCSD a year later. He came at a time when about half a dozen patients were being seen twice monthly at a clinic established through the efforts of the local CF chapter. He didn't come to San Diego intending to run the CF Center. "I didn't plan it," he says. "I sort of fell into this backward. There were a few people who needed care

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and there was a need that wasn't being met." There was also another appeal, something Harwood refers to as "the chemistry between a few patients and a doctor."

Few physicians are attracted to the care of the chronically ill. It subverts their image as healers; to say it can be disheartening is an understatement. One member of the hospital CF team estimates that they lose roughly one patient every six weeks. This often leads doctors to immerse themselves in the scientific aspects of medicine, depersonalizing the patient and the disease. Avoiding this form of self-protection has required Dr. Harwood to develop a perspective which takes into account the limitations of specializing in a disease without a cure. "If I approached CF as a disease

where I always lost or where there was nothing to be done," he says, "it would be so dismal and hopeless that I couldn't continue to be involved with it very long. So I think what I've done is to say well, okay, my role as a physician is not necessarily just to cure a disease — because I can't cure this one, I accept that from the start — but I can do an awful lot at some stages of the disease to prolong life, and I can do certain things in the end stages to make a very difficult part of one's journey through life a little better, a little easier. So I've gotten to the point where I say, well, that's part of the whole business. It's difficult, I accept that, but I also have the satisfaction of being competent with patients in that very difficult stage — patients that usually, because of the nature

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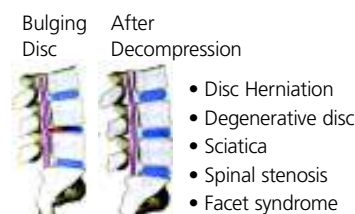


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The San Diego CF Center utilizes a "team approach" in caring for its patients. In one sense the team is the group of professionals responsible for ministering medical care in all its forms — the doctors, nurses, technicians, therapists, and social workers. But as an outgrowth of Dr. Harwood's belief that "the ultimate responsibility for somebody's care is in themselves or their parents," patients and families are also strongly encouraged to take part in decisions concerning their medical care. "It really works better for us to make the family and the patient partners in the whole process of trying to manage a disease that can't be cured."

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A dual perspective on CF and its care is offered by one respiratory therapist at University Hospital. Bob Bourquin has CF in addition to being a member of the medical team. He is 26 (and still has his hair despite his subjec-

tion to the "miracle elixir cure"); he says there are some absolutes in CF "and there's an absolute with me: I'm going to live another five years. It's not definite but I think that's reasonable."

Growing up in Maryland, he spent a sickly childhood with "asthma" and "allergies" until the day he "turned purple" when he was nine. "I couldn't breathe at all. It was just like I was shut down." He recovered after a prolonged hospitalization during which doctors made the diagnosis of CF and told his parents, "Your child has cystic fibrosis and he's going to die."

He spent a lot of time after that trying to deny he had CF. "That's pretty much how I approached the thing when I was in my teens. Even when I was really sick I'd never do treatments. I could be so sick I could climb a flight of steps and almost black out — in school the 50-yard dash was more like the 50-yard crawl — and still I wouldn't do anything for it."

"I knew so little about CF six or seven years ago. So, so, very little. And you have

all these preconceived notions which you get from the newspaper articles. Like somewhere I'd read the average life span of somebody with CF was 21. I figured I was 19; I had two years to live. I thought that was it — everybody died when they were 21. I didn't realize at the time, because I was totally uneducated medically, that some people live a lot longer, some people live a lot shorter. I really thought that when I turned 21 that would be like the last supper. I'd cut the birthday cake and I'd go in and lie down. And die."

When he was 19 an incident occurred which forced him to realize what CF would mean: he spent five weeks in the hospital as a result of air leakage from his lungs into his chest cavity — a pneumothorax. "That was the big turning point. I could not deny it anymore. I started doing treatments every day. I spent the entire fall of that year like a self-imposed cripple, paranoid of having to go back in the hospital. I was extremely depressed, did nothing except lie around the house

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in utter paranoia and despair.”

Shortly after this Bourquin began obtaining medical care from a CF center in Cleveland. His spirits started to improve as he met other CF patients and grew to realize that he could take a direct hand in his medical care. “It’s not sheer happenstance that I’m where I am now. I work hard at it. And it is hard to get in an hour and a half, because that’s how long my treatment takes me every day. It’s hard to do that and still go to work and do everything else.”

Remembering the reassurance that can come from meeting other, especially older, CF patients, Bourquin makes it a point to spend part of his time at University Hospital talking with the parents of CF children. It is a task he has learned to approach with delicacy. “If the children are fairly healthy, or even moderately healthy, the parents are universally pleased, relieved, and delighted to see me there,” he says. “They can look at me and say, ‘Wow, that’s neat, maybe my kid is going to grow up.’ If, on the other hand, their kid’s really sick — when one of the CF kids is dying and I’m the therapist — that’s when

I really get the resentment vibes, or the jealousy vibes. You know, when Bob walks in, is 26, looks like a football player, I feel somewhat guilty. Those parents have got to feel some resentment; at that point they know their kid’s not going to make it and they can’t help but be jealous that I have. That’s just basic human nature.

“There’s a whole lot of vibrations between CF patients. It’s very awkward when you’re healthier. Vibrations go out to you of jealousy and anger — I’ve been the recipient of those. When you see somebody who’s sicker than you it’s tough because your heart really goes out to them. You know yourself when you’ve been sick how you feel, and when you see someone with CF who’s dying, who’s close to death, it’s hard to look at them because you know what it’s like and you know what it’s going to be like; you just sort of are instinctive about it. On the other hand, it’s the old animal instinct: thank God it isn’t me.”

Other reactions can also mark the relationships formed between people with CF: comfort and relief can come through learning that others share the same plight, the



Mark Longfellow

same experiences, the same worries; despondency can result from watching friends fall like so many dominoes, from thinking, “Here are X number of young adults and Monica died, and so-and-so died, everybody around me is dying — when’s it going to be my turn?”

The difficulties of these relationships affect parents as well as their children. Judy Longfellow’s son was in the hospital at one time with another boy close to Mark’s age. The other boy, says Judy, “left the hospital and he died the night he left. It was the feeling of everybody — everybody knew — that he was going home to die. That really bothered Mark. I think from that time on he really began to think about his disease a lit-



Dr. Ivan Harwood

tle more than he might have had that not happened. And he was good buddies with another little boy who died too.” Yet she made no attempt to shield her son from such occurrences. “He *liked* those people; he had a good time with them. And even though it ended up to be a sad moment in his life, I don’t think you can protect people from life and expect them to be well-rounded individuals, you just can’t do it. Life is life, you know, you take the good and the bad.”

The advisability of having CF patients associate with one another is an issue which has been widely debated within the CF medical community. The position of the San Diego CF Center is quite clear, however. An annual camp for CF



Rita Bowers

kids, periodic meetings at the CF House for adolescents, adults, and CF parents, along with the fostering of a recognizable “CF family” in San Diego, are evidence of Dr. Harwood’s belief that as a physician he has “no role in protecting people from knowledge.... There are some aspects of this disease that patients know a hell of a lot more about than I do because they live with the disease every day. So if a family — or children, which they frequently are — chooses to get involved with another patient with this disease who may be severely involved or even dying, that is their business. And I don’t feel any need to prevent it from happening. In fact I would say people with the disease teach each other an

awful lot about how to live with the disease, or even how to die with the disease, that that be something they want to know about.”

They have taught Dr. Harwood, too, about dying with the disease. His experience with CF has led him to adopt the role of advisor rather than prescriber when someone is near death, with the patient and family making the ethical and moral decisions which must be made at that time — such as whether to cease or continue giving medical care, and whether to die at home or in the hospital (with the home being favored by nearly 80 percent of the center’s patients). His evolving attitude about the role of the physician at the time of death has been forced on him, he says, by a couple of patients in his past “who were smart enough and brave enough to tell me and the other caregivers here what it’s really all about, when it’s clear that my science isn’t going to extend a person’s life beyond a certain point.” So-called “extraordinary” medical measures and hospitalization up until the very moment of death are rarely practiced, says Harwood, because “our

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I've still got too much to do. I'm leaving the hospital and I'm going home...that's where I'm going to die, where I can be with the people I love.'"

Her doctors visited her at home throughout the summer, while family members changed intravenous medicines, gave treatments, and virtually duplicated the medical care she would have received in the hospital — until the last week. "The last week," Rick recalls, "she refused to take anything — no medications, no IVs, no treatments, no anything. And that really hurt — hurt me. I felt it hard, because of all the years and trouble we'd gone to. For so long we'd had to do treat-

ments three times a day, the meds and everything else, and when she stopped that last week, it really hurt."

Rita's last months were spent preparing; preparing her two children, spending time with them, talking with them — "I'm going to be leaving you, I don't know when. But even though I'm not here physically anymore, I'll be with you all of your life"; ordering the details of her life; and preparing herself. When she died, says Rick, "she said she was ready."

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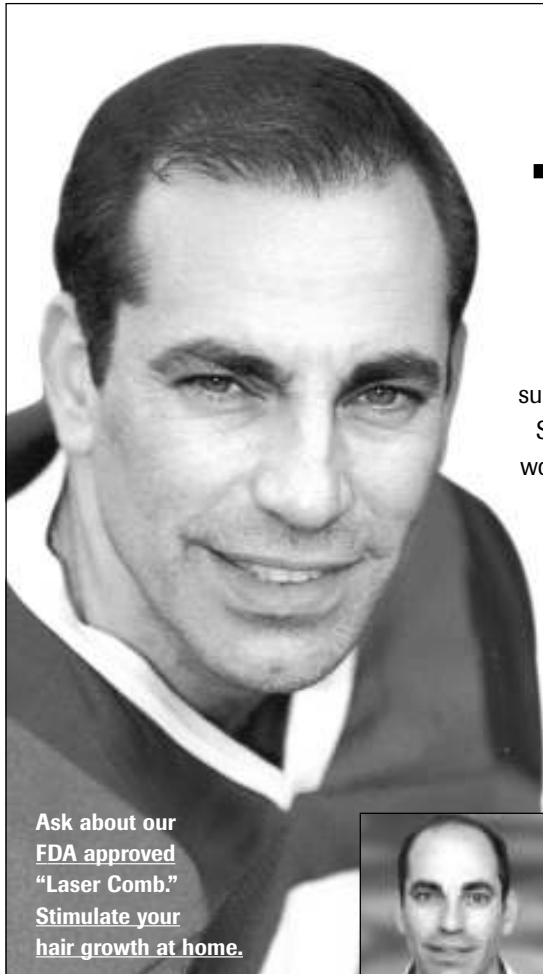
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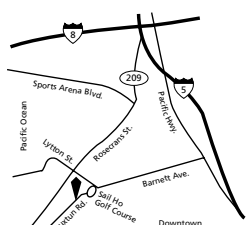
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one of the most painful. When the kids are in the hospital and they're going to fight it and they've gotta keep going, they're frantic and they're dying, that's what's so hard to see, because you just know there's nothing you can say or do, they are just so full of anxiety and fear. If people have died and they were somewhat willing to accept death, it's not as hard for us who are left."

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The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation calls CF a "hidden handicap" — you can't readily see that it affects a person the way you can with, say, the loss of a limb. But the label refers also to the way the disease can gnaw at a person's spirit as well as his health. One CF adult who found himself unable to work after having done so for many years commented, "You can go for long periods of time and forget that you have a serious illness. And then suddenly you get sick and you get very depressed and think, 'Oh, I'm sick again, here I have to face this.' And it's always going to be that way. It's a gradual deterioration and you have to keep adjusting to that deterioration — that's what's so difficult to do; you have to keep lowering your expectations, lowering your degree of involvement in activities and living less and less. Trying to live as fully as you can but being able to do less and less all the time."

Yet for at least one San Diego couple this development has created unsuspected possibilities. Michael and Lisa (not their real names) are in their mid-30s, live in La Jolla, and have a daughter, in spite of Michael's having CF (the vast majority of CF males

being sterile). Michael is tanned, has a good physical build, and looks as if he spends most of his time on a tennis court when not in his office. In short, he looks the successful Southern California professional, which he is. But after a three-week hospital stay in December and years of thinking about it "ad nauseam," he recently decided to quit his job.

As his health had worsened over the years, the strain of managing both disease and career had proven increasingly difficult. His employers showed something of a chronic inability to understand this, even after their trim young executive's "allergies" and "colds" were explained to them, and when he informed them he was quitting, they asked, "What is it? Has there been some change in your health?"

There had, following CF's inexorable downhill path, but Michael's attitude had changed, too. Upon returning to work after the December hospitalization, he had realized that he "just didn't have a great interest in picking up the accumulated piles of stuff, clearing them off, and charging onward and upward.... I asked myself, 'What good does it do me to make this kind of money?'"

"We went on a vacation to Yellowstone for two weeks last summer, and the day before we left I started feeling lousy and having some hemoptysis. For the next six days, either in the middle of the night or next morning, I'd get up and cough up a bucket of blood. I said, 'By God, I'm going to enjoy this vacation,' so we continued on and got to everywhere we were going to go, but it was

not like we had planned. I had these great visions of taking my daughter horseback riding, and we were going river rafting, and we were going to take hikes in the woods. We took one hike in the woods and I started coughing up blood. And so I asked, 'What good is all this money?'"

"I had fought as long as I felt I could fight. I was just tired of fighting. I had always put myself in a position of saying the work comes first; if I got sick and needed a tune-up, I'd say, 'No, I can't afford to take two weeks off.' So everything else suffered. I'd go home at night and collapse, and weekends I'd lie around collapsed and kind of recuperate for Monday morning, when I'd go back into the office and drag through the week. I'd go to the office feeling lousy and I'd go on trips feeling lousy. It was a real problem as far as doing anything other than the duties from nine to five. Sometimes, if I was real sick, I'd go home at lunch for an extra treatment."

Difficulties developed at work because his associates could not comprehend the narrowing limitations of this child's disease with the innocuous symptoms — coughing and fatigue. He who was once the favored, fair-haired boy, solver of tough problems, was now "dogging it or wasn't motivated."

"I'd always been success and achievement oriented," says Michael, "and I had to resolve whether I was a quitter. Was I a failure? But I've come to the point where I don't want to be looking back a year from now, or five years from now, or whatever, and saying I wasted the last year or five years. I want to feel

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I've gotten something out of life, done something I want to do other than grind out an earning.... It's an opportunity for a new beginning."

"Most people could put up with a shitty job," says his wife, "and say, 'I'm going to retire in 30 years.' Well, that's out for him, for us. So you have to refocus your life, you have to do something different, find new values." And in a peculiar sort of paradox, reaching the point of this decision has removed a great deal of the burden of uncertainty as to how CF will affect their lives. "We are at this point looking ahead," says Lisa, "we really are. For the first time we are looking ahead and I feel good about it."

Few people Michael and Lisa associate with seem able to understand their decision. The comments they have met with — "He doesn't seem *that* sick," "What job are you going to have Monday morning?" "How are you going to bring in the money?" — seem to underscore an almost irreconcilable schism between a person with a concrete perception that his life is finite,

and a society vitally concerned, as Lisa says, with how people "are going to arrange their houses and what room they're going to add on and whether the maid should come every Tuesday or Thursday." The person with CF can't help but see things differently.

Not only is work viewed differently — as more than a means of "grinding out an earning" — but, according to Bob Bourquin, so are social relationships. He says the person with a shortened life span subjects the ordinary social niceties to greater scrutiny. "If, for example, I feel like a friendship is unsatisfactory, I will totally write it off, and other people can't understand that. I think it partly comes from the fact that people with CF have a feeling that time is more precious, more fleeting, and why spend your time with somebody that you don't really like, that you don't really have something with? I think there is more of a tendency just to walk away from people like that, and I don't think that's bad. I don't believe in maintaining a friendship just for the sake of maintaining a

friendship. It sounds trite, but the quality of time that you spend with someone is so much more important than the quantity."

The feeling that time is fleeting, that experience must be maximized, work made valuable, and life lived from day to day comes in virtually every conversation with a member of the CF community. There is an awareness that a shortened life span requires not holding back but giving more, and it comes through both in Rick Bowers's comment that "Rita's outlook was, let's cut through all the crap and get to the meat," and in Judy Longfellow's saying, "We never avoided doing something with Mark because he had cystic fibrosis. We took Mark places a lot of times where I know he really didn't feel good, he maybe shouldn't have been there, he would be tired or something, *but he wanted to go.*"

The young father of a CF baby recently expressed a wish to take his son camping and fishing. "I'd like him to play baseball. I'd like him to do whatever he wants to do,

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because I'm going to enjoy him, we're going to enjoy each other." But a moment later he exposed the dilemma of CF by adding, "I'm a realist. We want things to be as normal as they can, but there might be — there will be — some unpleasant things occurring." His wife, though, had no doubts on how to face this future. "A full life," she said, "can be three years, six years, whatever we have. But we have to work as hard as we can to provide him with what we are able to give him so he can live a good, full life to the best of his ability and of our ability."

The mother of a child dead many years confirmed that this is the only workable approach. "There is a great deal of satisfaction," she said, "when you feel that a child has been happy and had the best of care and you've done everything that you could do."

Cystic fibrosis, like many diseases, affects the mind as much as it does the body. The ever-present cough and the accompanying sputum serve as continual reminders of the temporal and fragile qualities of life. The pool of one's own

blood hypnotically fixes the gaze after a hemoptysis, and its presence has a peculiarly powerful ability to make other things — tomorrow's appointment with a client, the upcoming calculus final — miraculously dwindle in significance.

Every night the person with CF runs through the regimen, reviews the litany: "Did I take all my pills today? The enzymes before every meal and snack, the antibiotics, bronchodilators, vitamins; the profusion of gelatinous shapes and colors. Did I take them all? Did I get enough exercise? Did I do the treatments that were necessary? Was everything loosened and expelled that was there to be loosened and expelled?" And unavoidably the question arises: "Does it matter? In the morning it will all be there again."

It does matter. And tomorrow you'll do it all again. You'll wonder again, "Am I as healthy today as I was the day before? And will I be this healthy again tomorrow?" And you'll worry again, "Am I doing everything, everything that can be done?" Not

to beat it, because you can't, but at least to hold your own.

But much as it demands and takes, cystic fibrosis also gives. Throughout it all — amongst the survivors, the families, the "victims" themselves — inextricably intertwined with the sadness, the grief, and the anguished projections into the future, in among all these threads of sorrow runs also one of deep beauty. It comes from facing with dignity what has been dictated by fate, from persevering in the face of encroaching debilitation; from knowing what the end will bring, yet living each day, and the day after, and the day after that, as if each were of vintage quality; it comes from a gleeful anticipation of each day's newly opened blossoms and from the song of the mockingbird that wakes you in the night. It comes from the satisfaction in learning what is and what is not important. And it comes from fighting the best you can. ■

— Steven Shephard

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situation with Clear Channel's KLSD, it should be pointed out that what is happening is merely a symptom of a more serious problem — media consolidation in the hands of a very powerful few.

When it comes to having an alternative voice on San Diego radio, things have never looked worse.

In August of 2004, Clear Channel debuted KLSD-AM 1360. Since then, KLSD has been a station with a liberal/progressive/ independent viewpoint and programming.

If the election results in recent years are any indication, people who are left-of-center politically constitute almost 50 percent of our local population. So a station like KLSD meets a real need for a substantial segment of radio listeners in the San Diego area.

Unfortunately, San Diego will lose this important media outlet and alternative

voice sometime in November. Clear Channel will be changing the format of KLSD to sports, making it the third such radio station heard here devoted to such frivolity.

This move mirrors a very disturbing national trend by Clear Channel, as it has also killed off numerous other stations around the country with liberal/ progressive/ independent programming by switching them to a sports format.

Clear Channel owns/ programs seven radio stations here in San Diego. The loss of KLSD would leave their only other talk station KOGO, which offers a steady stream of right-wing programming — morning, noon, and night.

This is just plain wrong — and it could get worse!

Companies like Clear Channel *want still more control of local media!*

According to recent newspaper reports, the FCC is moving forward with a secret timeline to vote on sweeping changes to media-ownership rules. This is

just the most recent in a long series of FCC moves to avoid public scrutiny.

I believe that now is the time for Congressional oversight hearings on media ownership to be held.

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The FCC has simply not done enough to study the impact that more consolidation would have on diversity, localism, and competition. Without Congressional oversight, the FCC is poised to make the same mistake it made in 2003, when it ignored unprecedented public outcry and had to be reined in by the courts.

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Throughout the entire history of broadcast communications in the United States, the FCC has always viewed a broadcast license as a “trust,” with the public as “beneficiary” and the broadcaster as “public trustee.” Clear Channel must fulfill its responsibility to operate in the “public interest, convenience, and necessity” and keep KLSD’s format and programs as they currently are.

The FCC must be held accountable, and our senators and representatives need to call immediately for oversight hearings on media ownership. And they will — but only if we make them.

Scott Marinoff
Imperial Beach

Prevent The Evil

Thank you for exposing the corruption of politics and politicians around Mayor Jerry Sanders. I appreciate your effort to inform us. All this just leaves me with the desperate question, What on earth are we going to do to prevent all these evil things from happening? How are we going to save this already way overdeveloped city from its complete ruin through these greedy developers???? Maybe it would be good to show ways and means to us *how* we can become active, how we the people can empower ourselves to stop these intrigues. What *can* be done instead of just listing all this nightmare that will make us readers feel rather hopeless and powerless?

I look forward to seeing more constructive, solution-oriented information in upcoming articles on the issue. Thanks again. Power to the people!

Saskia
Pacific Beach

Comments from Reader Website

Cover Story

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Posted by Steve Crowley on 10/31/07, 2:00 p.m.

Ohhhhhh! What a fun story to read, WoW! You are really cool, doing drugs for a year and glamorizing it, its got it all, drugs, girls, good guys, bad guys, action...A**HOLE

Posted by Sage on 10/31/07, 10:54 p.m.

Dear Jay, It takes alot of

guts and ambition to be down that road of hell and lifestyle and come out with grace and dignity! I am very proud of you for learning from your failures and in my book it just adds another success to the many successes that you have now!!

Posted by RoRo on 11/1/07, 8:04 p.m.

Interesting story...I've smoked crack before, a ton... When I was a teenager in Florida. It was everywhere in the suburbs... I have rare self control, so it never addicted me... Many friends lost everything to it, some still are addicted now 15, 17 years later. I too had smoked it of some dealers mouth, no big deal that is FAR from rock bottom. I have heard firsthand of women being sold for crack...The s*** tastes like nothing else, the high is unreal [going from memory]. I'm an exec with a tech co...so I guess anything is possible. Good luck overcoming your addictions...

Posted by Snappy on 11/3/07, 1:52 p.m.

Steve Crowley — first off, it's spelled “Glamorizing”... secondly — how in any way was this story glamorous or otherwise glorifying the horrible addiction that the writer and his associates went through? It's a story about pain and the horribleness of what a person goes through when addiction overcomes the ability to lead a normal life. You, sir, are an idiot, and should not be allowed to post your “opinion” anywhere. I believe the writers misshapen testicle is perhaps a better man than you.

Posted by RadOwl on 11/3/07, 2:43 p.m.

Good read, Jay. I've dealt with my share of addictions and addictive behaviors, seen how drugs destroy lives. You're fortunate. I'm sure you realize that. For anyone addicted reading your story, I hope you realize addiction is a spiritual disease. What you seek from the high — along with all the other things like numbing, good times, escape — is connection that's sorely lacking in the modern world. Used to be that substances were used in controlled environments on certain occasions to get in a different state of mind to experience the divine.

Today, we have lost those controls, and the sort of healthy rituals that prepared one for deep spiritual experience — with or without a chemical helper. A people without ritual is a people without soul. Seeking it desperately, they are easy marks for a pusher, like those lost souls you describe wondering down the strip.

Posted by Lharles on 11/3/07, 9:01 p.m.

Incredible story. One of the single most impressive things I've ever read. I wish you luck and prosperity, sincerely. Take care.

Posted by B. Roberto on 11/4/07, 8:27 a.m.

This is a terrifying experience that many face and few overcome (still intact.) I have also faced such a perilous existence once — squandered rent and its subsequent eviction, shady dealings/encounters with scary individuals and even exalting a fix above much needed nourishment. The negative frame of mind and the contemplation of a futile existence really disturbed me. Thankfully I emerged relatively unscathed unlike many others. I can certainly appreciate your experience and am glad you made it out alive and well.

Posted by Anon on 11/4/07, 10:44 a.m.

This glamorizes drug use how...? If you think drugs are glamorous after that article I don't know what to say.

Posted by 37 on 11/4/07, 6:30 p.m.

That is one of the most intense reads from the Reader ever. Thanks, and I am very happy that you are clean now.

T.G.I.F.

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Posted by Chad C. Mulligan on 10/31/07, 2:11 p.m.

Nice to see your stuff, Johnnie B. Do you know the story about the goldfish who was netted and removed from the water? After he was put back in the bowl with the other goldfish, he could not explain where he had been and what he had seen very well. But nothing was ever the same. You are awake. The condo-barbarians are not.

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With the fires, we saw just how dry it is," says Marty Eberhardt, executive director for the Water Conservation Garden. "We only get 10 percent of our water locally." At least 85 percent of the water used in San Diego County is imported. "That comes from the Colorado River, which is in an eight-year drought, and from the Sierras, down through the delta — last winter the Sierras were at their lowest snow-pack in 30 years. And then this judgment on top of it — even if the weather isn't a problem, we will still have less water."

LOCAL EVENTS

The judgment to which Eberhardt is referring is one made by a federal judge in Fresno on August 31, 2007, which ruled in favor of protecting the threatened delta smelt by reducing the amount of water pumped from the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary to Southern California. Small fish were getting sucked into the pumps and dying. According to the San Diego Water Authority, 40 percent of our water currently comes from the bay delta. Pumping reductions commence January 2008.

"Approximately 60 percent of all urban water use in San Diego is for outdoor use," says Jason Foster, director of public affairs for the Water Authority. "Reducing outdoor water use has been a focus of the Water Authority for some time, but the need for it is becoming more acute with the pumping restrictions on the horizon."

According to Foster, the agricultural

community will be the first to feel the loss. As of 2008, many farmers will receive 30 percent less water. "They get a discount when there is a surplus, but they are the first in line to take a cut. They're basically serving as a first line of defense [against desert fires in San Diego]." Farmers who lost much of their inventory in the recent fires will not face as severe a water reduction this year as those farmers whose groves and crops were spared.

One approach to reducing outdoor water use, Foster explains, is to "increase the marketability and desirability of water-efficient plants and landscapes." On Saturday, November 10, the Water Conservation Garden will host the California-Friendly Gardening Festival, highlighting water-conservation and fire-prevention landscaping programs.

"Water agencies have been doing a pretty good job getting people to use low-flow toilets, showerheads, and water-conserving washing machines," says Eberhardt, "but now it's time to deal with the really big issue, which is outdoor water use." Keeping a tropical yard does not reduce the risk of fire. "Every plant burns — there is nothing that won't burn if you have a situation like we just had."

The methods of spacing and irrigation, however, can have a major effect on protecting one's home from flames. "If a shrub is three feet high, you want the bottom of neighboring tree branches to start at nine feet high — you don't want the fire to leap from one large plant to another large plant," Eberhardt explains. According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, a state law effective



since January 2005 requires all homeowners to keep 100 feet of "defensible space" around their structures.

"The whole purpose of our garden is that you hear all this stuff, but here you can come and look at it and get ideas and say, 'I like that' or 'I don't like it,'" says Eberhardt. Most of the garden's landscape is eight years old, which offers people the chance to see how plants they might be considering for their own landscape will mature. This year the festival includes a tour of a new "fire-wise" landscaping exhibit.

"We offer fire-wise landscaping classes," says Eberhardt. "If you're in the wildland-urban interface — where wildlands and homes intersect, like outside of Jamul — you need to be particularly careful. Don't have plants up against the house, and don't have anything touching the eaves or roofs — a lot of people do that."

Eberhardt has a friend who lived in Julian and lost her home in the Cedar Fire.

"I think people need to be aware that they are taking huge risks when they live out there." When her friend lost her home, she told Eberhardt that she had known it was a risk and was not surprised. "There's little way that people are going to be totally protected out there," says Eberhardt. "I think the most important things you can do have to do with where your house is situated and the way your house is constructed — what it's made out of. Shake-shingle roofs, we all know, are dangerous."

— Barbarella

California-Friendly Gardening Festival
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BAJA

"Aventurera," the last season with Edith González, Friday and Satur-

day, November 2 and 3, at 7 and 10:30 p.m., at Grand Hotel Tijuana (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-681-7000. (TIJUANA)

Hispanic-American Guitar Festival gets underway at Centro Cultural Tijuana with Concierto de Aranjuez, Jaime Márquez, Martín Madrigal, and Roberto Limón of Mexico on Thursday, November 8, 8 p.m.; \$20 U.S. Concerts scheduled every day through November 17 at Centro, including appearance by Leo Roudelak (Czech Republic) and Woratep Rattana (Thailand) on Sunday, November 11, 6 p.m.; \$15. Amadeus Guitar Duo of Germany takes stage on Tuesday, November 13, 8 p.m.; \$15. Duo Eurasia, hailing from Spain and Vietnam, plans concert on Thursday, November 15, 8 p.m.; \$15. Find Centro at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Jazz Music by Iraidia Noriega, Friday, November 9, 9 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida Paris #5, in Colonia Altamira). \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

BRAZILIAN FILM
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Rock Concert by Aterciopelados, Friday, November 9, 9 p.m., in Box Underground at El Foro (in old jai alai frontón on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Cuban Comedian Virulo presents the musical comedy *El Último Que Rie Es El Que Piensa Más Lento*, Sunday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., at Teatro Benito Juárez (Avenida Guadalupe between Calles 2 and 4). \$8. 011-52-646-

176-3005 or 011-52-646-177-1195. (ENSENADA)

40th Annual Tecate Score Baja 1000, off-road race for all manner of vehicles is Tuesday, November 13. Motorcycles and ATVs start at 6 a.m. in front of Riviera Cultural Center, followed by trucks and cars at 11 a.m. Fastest racers expect to cross finish line in Cabo San Lucas in approximately 22 hours; vehicles have 53

hours to finish. 818-225-8402. (ENSENADA)

Latin Jazz Jam Session hosted by Turiya Mareya, along with Jaime Julian (bass) and Shani Tam (drums) on Wednesday, November 14, 8 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejon 5 de Mayo #1320). Bi-nacional Jazz Descarga features Puerto Rican percussionist Gene "Negro" Perry, Tijuana percussionist Javier Cabanillas, Cuban

guitarist Ignacio Arango, vocalist Luisa Corredor. \$5. 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, the center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

Screening in the CECUT Omnimax: *El Misterio del Nilo*, *Vikings*, *Viaje a la Luna*, *Oasis Marino*.

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Atmospheric Ice-Crystal Effects are often observed, starting about this time of year, because of the frequent appearance of high clouds made of tiny bits of ice. The most familiar of these optical effects is the 22°-radius halo, or ring, around the sun or the moon. Less

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often seen is a “corona” (a colored disk around the sun or moon — not the same as the solar corona seen during total eclipse), “sun-dogs” (colored arcs left and right of the sun), the sun pillar (a vertical column of light above the rising or setting sun), and a host of other rare and inconspicuous optical phenomena. All of the optical effects mentioned are a consequence of sunlight or moonlight refracting through or reflecting from the tiny facets of ice crystals in cirrus and other types of high clouds.

Local Temperatures should be declining most rapidly during this time of year, according to more than a century of local meteorological records. With every successive week, daily maximum temperatures are declining by about 3/4° Fahrenheit, and daily minimum temperatures are plummeting by about 1° Fahrenheit. (This gradual onset of fall/winter chill is probably all but unnoticed by most newcomers from harsher climates.) By January, our mean temperature will have fallen to about 55°, from an average temperature of about 70° in August.

Monarch Butterflies arrive along the California coast this month, migrating from their summer homes in the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountains. Some 25 of the 260 wintering sites on the West Coast lie within San Diego County. The local sites include Presidio Park in San Diego, the UCSD campus, Quail Botanical

Gardens in Encinitas, and Hosp Grove in Carlsbad.

Santa Ana Winds in San Diego County often reach their greatest intensity during November, particularly at the mountain passes, where dry air from a high-pressure area over the interior deserts swoops coastward toward a low-pressure area offshore. The subsiding air warms rapidly while it descends, resulting in 80°–90° temperatures close to the coast. While passing over the mountains, though, the dry air can be surprisingly cool — 60° or less in the daytime.

Search for a Shooting Star or Saturn and Jupiter during stargazing parties planned (weather permitting) Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, 8–10 p.m., in MiraCosta College baseball field (One Barnard Drive). Free. Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. (OCEANSIDE)

Visit Historic Old Mission Dam and Kumeyaay grinding rocks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, November 10. Guided walk starts at 8:30 a.m. in Kumeyaay campground parking lot (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Celebrating Reopening of North Face of Black Mountain Park during Miner's Loop trail walk with Mike Kelly, Saturday, November 10. Enjoy great views, learn about old arsenic mine. Wear hiking boots; bring water, sun protection. Free. Meet group at 9 a.m. in parking staging area off new extension of Carmel Valley Road (one-quarter mile east of its intersection with Black Mountain Road). Free. 858-342-8856. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

“Desert Stargazing,” three-part course on desert stargazing led by Dennis Mammanna starts with “Finding Our Way,” Saturday, November 10, noon–5 p.m., at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitors' Center Discovery Lab. Basics of stargazing covered here — what's in the sky, how it all moves, tricks and techniques for viewing, navigating the maze of stars and constellations with tools as simple as a star map and a flashlight, online resources, and more. \$35 per session, or \$95 for series. Registration: 760-767-4063. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Expert Birders from San Diego Field Ornithologists to lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, November 10, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Seaside Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego Coastkeeper on Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-758-7743. (CARDIFF)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk exploring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

Tend California Native Plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds of urban wetland, Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m.–noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. Free. 619-224-4591. (POINT LOMA)

Enjoy Golden Leaves and flowers during guided walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, November 10, 11, and 14, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Friends of Rose Creek invite volunteers for variety of work in native plant garden, Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m.–noon, behind Rose Creek Cottage (2525 Garnet Avenue). Park on Fogg Street, just south of Garnet. Weed, water, plant native species. Bring work or gardening gloves, water. 858-405-7503. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including November 10. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Rediscover Escondido during downtown walking tour led by Escondido History Center, Saturday, November 10, 11 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

The Moon's Cheshire-cat smile returns to the evening sky on Sunday, November 11. You'll spot its very thin crescent shape low in the southwest about one-half hour after sunset. On succeeding evenings (after nightfall) observe the moon's thickening crescent and its increased prominence in the sky as

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the week goes by. On Monday, the 12th, the moon will lie close to the bright planet Jupiter, which has been appearing low in the southwestern sky after dark for the past few weeks.

Geology Hike with Don Albright in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Sunday, November 11, 9 a.m. See "a rare fossil" and preserve's waterfall. Route follows steep trail; bring water. Meet group at intersection of Calle Cristobal and Caminito Propicio. Free. 858-342-8856. (MIRA MESA)

Explore the Barrio with Walkabout adventurers, Wednesday, November 14. The moderately paced 1.5-hour walk starts at 9:45 a.m. in Chuey's parking lot (at Main Street and César Chávez Parkway). Optional lunch follows (bring money). 619-231-7463. (BARRIO LOGAN)

DANCE

Nutty Already? The junior ballet ensemble presents selections from *The Nutcracker* on Friday, November 9, 5:30 p.m., at Performing Arts Workshop (1105 2nd Street). Free. 760-753-2671. Repeats Saturday, November 17, 2 p.m. 760-753-2671. (ENCINITAS)

Introduction to Waltz instruction offered on Friday, November 9, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing, 8:30-9:45 p.m. All ages and abilities. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Belly Dance Show with Marianna, live music by Romeo, Friday, November 9, at Caesar's Cafe (801 C Street). Full dinner at 8 p.m.; dancing all evening. \$45. Recommended reservations: 619-234-8141. (DOWNTOWN)

Argentine Tango Dance Party, Friday, November 9, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Tango lesson: 9 p.m., open dancing: 9:30 p.m. No partner necessary. DJ plays Argentine tangos, waltzes, milongas, requests. \$7. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

Tribal S.D. Dance Festival — benefit for WorldBeat Center and Transcendence Youth is November 10 and 11 at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Festival opens at 9 a.m. both days, ends at 11 p.m. Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday. \$10 general. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Eveoke Dance Theatre hosts grand opening of its new theater at 2811-A University Avenue on Saturday, November 10, 6-9 p.m. Eveoke's students dance "hip-hop and modern dances of social, political, and environmental import" at 6 and 7 p.m. Dedication at 7:30 p.m. Free. 619-238-1153. (NORTH PARK)

"Hustle Without Muscle" workshops for beginner and intermediate dancers led by Billy Marti for San Diego Hustle Club, Saturday, November 10, 6 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard). "Social Patterns and Styling" taught at 7 p.m. Fee is \$15 per class, or \$25 for both. Hustle Club dance party follows, 8 p.m.-midnight (\$7). 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

Ranting Banshee makes music, Graham Hempel calls for contradance, Saturday, November 10,

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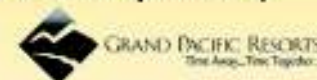
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8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Free music jam before dance at 6 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Cajun Playboys play for dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club and Gator by the Bay Festival, Saturday, November 10, at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Dance lessons at 6:20, dancing from 7-10:30 p.m. \$14. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Holiday Dance featuring swing, ballroom, and classic tunes is Saturday, November 10, 7:30 p.m., at Mission Valley YMCA (5505 Friars Road). Live music by Credit Union Band, hors d'oeuvres, dance demos, mixers. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 619-298-3576. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sunday Zapateado, Ballet Folklórico en Aztlán performs dances from different states of Mexico on second Sunday of each month at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Dances of San Luis Potosi showcased November 10, 2 p.m. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

English Country Dancing with calling by Judy and Karen, playing by Kathleen on Sunday, November 11, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Get Your Groove On! Latest dance steps taught by instructor/dancer Prince on Thursdays at Dancing Unlimited (4569 30th Street). Beginners at 7-8 p.m., intermediate/advanced 8-9 p.m. \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

FILM

"Enemies of Happiness" — film following "dangerous campaign trail of 27-year-old Malalai Joya as she runs for office in post-

ROAM-O-RAMA

A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | BY JERRY SCHAD

Smack dab in the middle of the most desolate part of the Borrego Badlands stands a remarkable triad of palm oases. The best known of these, Seventeen Palms, is a popular destination for park visitors. The other two lie just a short distance away. They are accessible in a roundabout way via off-road vehicle trails or overland on foot as described here. Since the hiking route is partially "cross-country," it is appropriate for hikers skilled at navigational techniques, including the ability to read a topographic map. The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitor center in Borrego Springs can help you with your map needs.



Una Palma

First, you must drive to Seventeen Palms oasis itself. From Borrego Springs, follow Highway S-22 (Palm Canyon Drive, Pegleg Road, and Borrego Salton Seaway) generally east for about 16 miles to the Arroyo Salado Primitive Camp turnoff on the right at mile 34.8 (according to the roadside mile markers). Pass through the camping area and continue along the four-wheel-drive route southeast down the sandy, rock-strewn Arroyo Salado wash. After 3.5 miles, a side road on the right quickly ends at a parking area just short of Seventeen Palms oasis.

The oasis itself was used for decades as a functional prospectors' post office.

That tradition continues today, as you may find modern travelers' business cards, as well as a park register, in a barrel wedged between two palm trunks. Any water found at the oasis is not potable, so be sure you already have drinking water in your pack.

Start hiking cross-country at the north end of Seventeen Palms grove (elevation 410 feet). Follow a bearing of about 200° (generally south-southwest) over the intricately dissected terrain. In about 0.5 mile you'll cross a rise (510 feet). From the rise you can look south into a seemingly endless maze of mud hills. Make a descent into any of the several small washes directly below, which lead one way or another downhill to the Cut Across Trail (off-road vehicle trail) in Tule Wash, about a mile from the start. The exact route across this convoluted terrain is your choice — though you may find yourself from time to time on paths worn in by previous hikers.

Turning left (east) on the Cut Across Trail, you should soon catch sight of Una Palma (single palm), its forlorn crown peeping above the mudhills. A stubby side road leads north to it.

From Una Palma itself, head northeast, once again cross-country over undulating mud hills. Topping the first hill, you'll be able to see at least the tallest palm at Five Palms Spring, 0.5 mile away. Head directly toward it, east across the mud hills. About five large and small palms grow here — though the exact

number fluctuates as larger ones perish and fall and young upstarts replace them. It is a coincidence that all three oases you have visited lie at virtually the same elevation, 410 feet.

A short pathway leads down from Five Palms to the off-road-vehicle route in nearby Tule Wash. Turn left and follow it (and later the Arroyo Salado jeep road) nearly a mile northwest back to your car

at the Seventeen Palms parking area.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

SEVENTEEN PALMS

Visit three palm oases in the midst of one of Anza-Borrego's driest quarters.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 110 miles

Hiking length: 2.5 miles

Difficulty: Moderate; though navigation skills required



Taliban Afghanistan's first parliamentary elections in 35 years" may be seen during fall film series, Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Jesus Camp" screens, followed by discussion, when Americans United for Separation of Church

and State gather, Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., at University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue). Free. 619-997-4375. (HILLCREST)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure*, *Dinosaurs Alive*, *Coral Reef Adventure* (closing on Novem-

ber 15). "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *Dolphins* (6 p.m.) and *Whales* (7 p.m.) on November 9. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

The Brazilian Film *Love for Sale* screens for "Countdown to 15" showcase of new cinema hosted by Media Arts Center's Latino Film Festival, November 9-15, at UltraStar's Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Also on the bill: *Dark-BlueAlmostBlack*, from Spain. Both films screen with English subtitles. Tickets: \$9.50 general, \$7.50 for students, seniors. Showtimes, details: 619-230-1938 x101. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Italian Film *Facing Windows* (2004) is featured during International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, November 9. See film at 1 p.m. in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue) and later at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. In Italian with English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

Luca Lucini's 2005 Film *L'Uomo Perfetto* screens Friday, November 9, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Pauline and Paulette" — consider this film from Belgium when Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes on Saturday, November 10, 2 p.m. Cinema chat begins at 1:30 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. In Dutch with English subtitles. (LA COSTA)

"Beyond Treason" — film exposing "the horrific underworld of the disposable army mentality" screened by San Diegans for 9/11 Truth on Sunday, November 11, 6:30 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Requested donation: \$5. 619-222-2120. (HILLCREST)

"The Hungry Woman," local filmmaker Glenn Palmedo-Smith shows clips from his film about the 1992 Rancho Santa Fe murder of Ian Spiro and "discusses his uphill battle in getting his feature film to the big screen" when San Diego Filmmakers convene, Tuesday, November 13, 6 p.m., at Brilliant Screen Studios (371 North Johnson Avenue). Free; donations accepted. 619-593-7312. (EL CAJON)

"American Visa," this 2006 Bolivian film — a "meditation on the false hope of the American dream" — screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Susan Polis Schutz's documentary *Anyone and Everyone* screens Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute's Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Film offers accounts of several American families with different religious and ethnic backgrounds who are connected by having a son or daughter who is gay. Free. Required reservations: 619-594-3119. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Blue Collar in Violet: John Sloan's Italian Procession" provides focus for "Collection Spotlight" series on Thursday, November 8, 11 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Learn about the Ashcan School, more. \$15 general. Reservations: 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Exhibiting Works on Paper: The Conservation Perspective" presented by Janet Ruggles for Art in the Afternoon lecture series at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday, November 8, 12:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)



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"International Humanitarian Law, Foreign Policy, and the Limitations of Power" examined by Harvey Rishikof of National War College for "International Law Speaker Series," Thursday, November 8, 4 p.m., in Social Sciences Building (SSB) 104 at UCSD. "How does law or the rule of law interact with the war on terrorism and international norms?" Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

"North Park: The First 50 Years" — overview illustrated with historic photographs planned when University Heights Historical Society meets, Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church (3993 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"The Long War: Loss and Nostalgia in the Middle East" is topic when *Washington Post* journalist Anthony Shadid speaks Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Robinson Auditorium. Shadid will focus on implications of war in Iraq on Middle East. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

Music from Broadway promised when Point Loma Nazarene University faculty members Brenda Martin, Paul Kenyon, Victor Labenske present recital, Friday, November 9, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2344. (POINT LOMA)

What Is Your Pet Really Eating? Kelly Bolken plans seminar on pet food safety, Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m., at the Holistic Hound (5652 Lake Murray Boulevard). Learn to read labels to determine what's in pet food, ingredients to avoid, balanced diet, home cooking for pets, raw diets, more. Free. 619-463-1134. (LA MESA)

Make a Succulent Cat Topiary with Margee Rader, Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m.–noon, at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$65 fee includes materials. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Marketing Books is topic when Laura Preble, author of *The Queen Geek Social Club*, addresses Soci-

ety of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators on Saturday, November 10. Meeting begins at 2 p.m. in room 106 of Hahn School of Nursing building at University of San Diego (at Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). \$9. 619-660-8861. (LINDA VISTA)

Uncovering Mysteries of Indonesian Bamboos! Elizabeth Widjaja — an expert on Indonesian, Philippine, Malaysian bamboos — speaks Saturday, November 10, 3 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$28. RSVP: 760-535-2998. (ENCINITAS)

Create Floral Napkin Rings, votive candleholders, and a floral centerpiece when floral designer David Root leads "Totally Tablescapes...Martha!" on Sunday, November 11, 2 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Bring floral knife, clippers, scissors, wire cutters and hot glue gun; all other materials provided. \$60. Required advance registration: is 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

"Religious Rituals in the Chalcolithic Period" — Osnat Misch-Brandl, curator of Chalcolithic and Canaanite Periods at Israel Museum in Jerusalem, plans talk on Sunday, November 11, 3 p.m., in conjunction with "Journey to the Copper Age" at San Diego Museum of Man. Tour of exhibit follows lecture (4:30 p.m.). \$20 general. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Look at Shadow Weave" — Lecture and Trunk Show" planned by Jannie Taylor for Palomar Handweavers' Guild on Monday, November 12, 9:30 a.m. Taylor will share knowledge of history and development of various techniques to weave these textiles. Free. 760-533-5857. (ESCONDIDO)

"Inspired by the Land: San Diego's Arts and Crafts Legacy" explored by Emily Zaiden on Monday, November 12, for Decorative Arts Lecture Series co-hosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). How did the style of architect Irving Gill, china decorators Anna and Albert Valentien help

"unify and define the character of the emerging region"? Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m. \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Cat" — training secrets, cat behavior, nutrition, preventing destructive behaviors, socialization with people and other animals, how to communicate with cat, Monday, November 12, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$35. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. For humans only. (LINDA VISTA)

Digital Nature Photography for beginners taught by Frank Canziani at San Diego Natural History Museum. "Concentrate on photographing the scene correctly versus postproduction digital corrections...learn about aperture, shutter, manual override, program, exposure controls, contrast considerations, flash photography, and more." Class meets Monday, November 12, and Monday, November 19, 6:30 p.m., with field trip on Sunday, November 18, 7 a.m. Digital

cameras with adjustable aperture and shutter controls preferred; interchangeable lenses recommended but not required. \$75. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mystery and Mysticism at Qumran" — Esther Chazon of Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, speaks in conjunction with "Dead Sea Scrolls" exhibit, Monday, November 12, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$25. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Understanding Atmospheric Oxygen: The Other Half of the Global Carbon Dioxide Story" told by Scripps climate researcher Ralph Keeling for Perspectives on Ocean Science lecture, Monday, November 12, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). \$8. Required reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

"For Family or Money? Publishing Your Genealogical Work" is topic when professional genealogist Debby Horton addresses Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group of North San Diego County



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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

Genealogical Society on Tuesday, November 13, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-630-5720. (CARLSBAD)

Community Forum on Under-age Drinking planned Tuesday, November 13, 6 p.m., in Truax Theater at El Camino High School (400 Rancho del Oro Drive). Panel presentation followed by question and answer period. 760-407-1220 x146. (OCEANSIDE)

"Exposed! Our Skin at Risk!" Dr. Mona Mofid and Joy Hamer discuss skin cancer and protection, diagnosis, current therapies for early-stage melanoma and more, Tuesday, November 13, 6 p.m., at Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (10905 Road to the Cure). Free. RSVP: 858-450-5990 x243. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Interrobang indicates "an interdisciplinary event highlighting the exclamation and explanation of design." Stephen Kieran speaks for ongoing Interrobang lecture series on Tuesday, November 13, 7 p.m. (following reception at 6 p.m.) at Museum of Contemporary Art Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). \$18. 619-297-9327, 619-232-0109. (DOWNTOWN)

"Small Garden Design and Pruning Techniques" imparted

by nurseryman Tom Piergrossi when Point Loma Garden Club gathers, Wednesday, November 14, 10 a.m., at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Free. 619-223-3315. (POINT LOMA)

"Irish Tax Records Before and After Griffith's Valuation" is focus when Irish interest class of British Isles Genealogical Research Association gathers for talk by Mary Russell on Wednesday, November 14. Group meets at 10:30 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Canyonlands: More Than Just the Canyons" is subject when architect Mike Stepner addresses bi-monthly Brown Bag forum hosted by WalkSanDiego.org on Wednesday, November 14, noon, at Downtown Information Center CCDC (225 Broadway, at side-rear entrance of NBC Building). Free. 858-483-7078. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fighting Cancer with Your Fork" is subject for Vicki Newman, R.D., Wednesday, November 14, 1:30 p.m., at Moores UCSD Cancer Center (3855 Health Sciences Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-822-2236. (LA JOLLA)

Create a Dried Wreath when Mission Hills Garden Club gathers, Wednesday, November 14, 6 p.m., in United Church of Christ social hall (4070 Jackdaw). Bring dried materials such as pods, cones, seeds, glue gun if possible. \$10. RSVP: 619-260-8312. (MISSION HILLS)

OUT & ABOUT

"THEY'RE PLAYING MY SONG"

San Diego Symphony with Lucie Arnaz, Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, Copley Symphony Hall.

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"Local Impacts of a Changing Climate" — Walter Oechel of San Diego State University speaks for "Global Climate Change: Species and Places" series on Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

"Rare Look at Rare Books" offered by Margaret Dykens at San Diego Natural History Museum on Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m. Discover research library's rare book room and its illustrations of birds, from the 1500s up to today; see "rare Double Elephant Folio of *Audubon's Birds of America*." \$11. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"San Diego in Perspective," an exhibit of "process paintings"

by Bill Mosley begins with artist talks, Thursday, November 15, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., in Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Reception for artist is Friday, November 16, 6:30 p.m. 760-757-5368. (OCEANSIDE)

"Managing Your Credit" is topic at San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union (9212 Balboa Avenue), Thursday, November 15, 11:30 a.m. Free. Registration: 619-278-5724. (KEARNY MESA)

"Inspired by Rome: Dutch and Flemish Painters and Their Italian Sojourns" — Anne Woollett explores personal adventures and artistic benefits experienced by Dutch and Flemish artists on sojourns (1550–1700) during Art in

the Afternoon lecture at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday, November 15, 12:30 p.m. Woollett is associate curator in department of paintings at J. Paul Getty Museum. Free. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)

"Soundwaves" Art Talk by artist Dario Robleto, Thursday, November 15, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate the Arrival of Beaujolais Nouveau when local wine expert Barbara Baxter speaks Thursday, November 15, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Fee, reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Next Exit Ensemble plays "genre-busting" music for Concert Hour series, Thursday, November 8, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Literary Trunk Show! Book Works and W.W. Norton Publishers present literary evening, Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m. Norton representative Joseph Murphy presents highlights of 2007 season and history of the house that published literary luminaries including e.e. cummings, Sigmund Freud, Simone de Beauvoir, many others. How are promising books coaxed from manuscript to bookstore? Find shop at 2670 Via de la Valle, 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

Northern America Mystery Author Vicki Delany signs, discusses *In the Shadow of the Glacier*, Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (KEARNY MESA)

"The Diviners" presented by Mt. Carmel High School's Theater at the Mount youth theater program, Thursdays–Saturdays, November 8–17. Performances begin at 7 p.m. each night, with 2 p.m.

matinee on November 17. Tickets: \$10 general, \$8 students. Find Mt. Carmel High School at 9550 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-484-1180 x3341. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"The Politics of Immigration: Questions and Answers" — co-author Jane Guskin plans visit to North County, November 8–10. Presentations follow a dialogue model encouraging participants to air questions and concerns about immigration, share their experiences and ideas, and seek answers together.

Catch Guskin on Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., in Academic Hall 102 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). She'll visit Palomar Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive) on Friday, November 9, 7 p.m. (social hour at 6 p.m.). Final event is Saturday, November 10, 11 a.m. in Turrentine Room, Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia). Free. 760-758-2410. (SAN MARCOS, VISTA, ESCONDIDO)

"Provoked with Henry Rollins," this "evening of quintessentially American opinionated editorializing and storytelling" by the loquacious Rollins hits stage on Thursday, November 8, 7:30 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$20, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). 21 and up. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Fro Show" promised during Comedy Grill, Thursday, November 8, 8 p.m., in Postcards Lounge at Handlery Hotel (950 Hotel Circle North). Entertainers include Gayla Johnson of Los Angeles, local comics Quarteiz and Joe Plaen. Cover: \$5, plus two-item minimum. 858-550-8088. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Elevated — The Anniversary Show" presented by Collective Purpose, Thursday, November 8, 9 p.m., at Eveoke Dance Theatre (2811 University Avenue, suite A). Bill includes Ainsley Burrows, Judah 1, Tshaka, Organic Soul Movement, Busstop Prophet, bkSOUL, Jim Moreno, Langston Hughes Poetry Circle, others. \$7. 619-795-9587. (NORTH PARK)

French and European-Inspired Design Authority Betty Lou Phillips signs *Inspirations from France and Italy*, Friday, November 9, 7 p.m., at C'est la Vie Antiques (565 Westlake Street). 619-890-4778. (ENCINITAS)

Performer and Mystery Author Dana Fredsti divulges the "story behind the fiction" when she discusses *Murder for Hire: The Peruvian Pigeon*, Friday, November 9, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (KEARNY MESA)

"Targeting Iran," David Barsamian discusses his new collection of interviews, Friday, November 9, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Barsamian has just returned from trip to Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Tibetan Bowls and Gong Concert by Diane Mandle, who "weaves transcendent harmonics of precision-tuned Tibetan bowls, moon and wind gongs, and other sacred instruments," Friday, November 9, 7 p.m., at 30 for Life (2801 Roosevelt Street). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 760-730-3303. (CARLSBAD)

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What book are you currently reading?
What page are you on?

"*The Grace Awakening*, by Charles R. Swindoll. Page one."

Tell me about the book.

"It's a new book. I just know the author. My parents told me he's good. I'm pretty careful what I read. If a book says grace on the cover, I'm pretty careful about reading it. Grace is given from God, so it's probably on people's grace in this world today. I just know the author is a respectable Christian author."

What do you make of the argument?

"I just started reading it. It starts, 'There are killers on the loose today.' But it's not talking about 'killers' as in literally killing. It's people not putting the right message out about grace or about God — giving them false testimonies or making them think their thinking is best. There are a lot of churches that people go to, and the preacher or priest or whatever tells them what they want to hear. They're basically telling us it's okay to walk with the world

and with God at the same time. So that's what this guy means by 'killers.'"

Compare this with other books you've read.

"I've read books by Billy Graham. He's a godly man. You can tell he's tasted salt, as in he's a friend of God. When you're a friend of God, you write about God, and it's nice to read someone like that. It's kind of like the Bible — God wrote the Bible. The Spirit talks through men like that. He's just a man, but he can help you get to that path where you need to be with God. Only God can change you — he's that only one who can change who you are. The book I was reading, called *The Journey*, it's about the journey of life, and how there are many roads we can choose but only one path that God wants us to be on. [Graham] puts a lot of parables in there

so it's easier for people who don't really understand or grasp what's going on."

What book was most life-changing for you?

"The Bible: the word of God. That's about it. In Timothy it says, 'All the words of this prophecy, God breathed.' God whispers the Bible, basically. Life is an ongoing relationship with Christ. You can't just read it like a book. If you read the Bible like a book, you're not going to understand a thing it says. You have to know God to be his friend, to understand what he's saying. People are going to find controversy, but if you accept Christ in your heart and trust and follow him, then your whole thought changes."

Who are your favorite authors?

"Bruce Marchiano is one of my favorite authors. He's written one called *Jesus Wept*, and my favorite is *The Char-*

acter of a Man. But he's not talking about 'man' as in guys; he's talking about people. It's a great book on love, and it's really good."

What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"I don't really read magazines, but sometimes I read the paper; depends on whether it's interesting or not. I read skateboarding, biking, running magazines."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"I basically tell them it's a good book and they should read it. A lot of my friends are struggling with 'the world,' as I would put it. The books I read, that I try to get them to read, aren't the Bible, but they're a good motivational type of thing for someone to read and say, 'Wow, that's true,' or 'That's me.'"

Sunday, November 11, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$20-\$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Tommy Gannon Trio performs for mini-concert, noon, Monday, November 12, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Ocean Beach Writer Michael Klam present his new collection, *Emma and the Buddha Frog*, for Drunk Poets Society, Monday, November 12, 6 p.m., at Winstons Beach Club (1921 Bacon Street). Performance includes slide show of artwork from the book by David Lonteen, Ron Moya, Emily Larlham. 619-222-6822.

Klam also plans appearance for

Poetry and Art Series at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado), Thursday, November 15, 7 p.m. \$5. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK, OCEAN BEACH)

Historically Thrilling! *New York Times* bestselling author Clive Cussler signs, discusses *The Chase*, Monday, November 12, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Gi-

rard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Open-Mike Poetry Reading, Monday, November 12, 8 p.m., at Twigg's, 4590 Park Boulevard. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Local Author Robert Labastida shares her book, *My Ancestors' Village*, Tuesday, November 13, 1:30 p.m., at Fletcher Hills Library

(576 Garfield Avenue). Free. 619-466-1132. (EL CAJON)

Tiffany Event Planner Olga Tuchscher Krasnoff discusses, signs *Dining by Design*, Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"4x4," Sushi Performance and Visual Art's performance series

continues Tuesday, November 13, 8 p.m., at Bluefoot Bar and Lounge (3404 30th Street). Participants present new or in-progress works in "alternative, casual social setting"; all pieces low-tech, limited to ten minutes, performed on 4' x 4' stage. 21 and older. Donation. 619-235-8466. (NORTH PARK)

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“WordChop,” evenings of poetry and prose reading, spoken word, song, freestyle rap, every Wednesday, 7–8 p.m., at Jitters Coffee (510 North Coast Highway #D). Original literature and old favorites welcome. Background DJ available to provide atmosphere music and beats. Free. 760-967-7886. (OCEANSIDE)

A Literary Reinvention of Edmond Rostand’s *Cyrano de Bergerac* by Asian-American playwright Michael Golamco entitled *Cowboy Versus Samurai* is being presented by Mo’olelo Performing Arts Company. Get sneak preview of the play, hear “insider stories about the road to opening night,” discuss *Cowboy* connection to *Cyrano*, Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

Pomerado Saxophone Quartet plays music by C.P.E. Bach, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, W.C. Handy, Stephen Foster, Paul McCartney, arranged for soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones for family music series, Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Rock the Benefit Concert featuring Eskimo Joe, hosted by Sophie@103.7 on Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m., at Hard Rock Cafe (909 Prospect Street). Proceeds benefit victims of recent San Diego Wildfires. Requested donation: \$5. 21 and older. 858-560-1037. (LA JOLLA)

The Wonderful Poet Galway Kinnell plans reading for Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series on Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m., in room LL108 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Kinnell has published more than 15 books, including the Pulitzer Prize- and National Book Award-winning *Selected Poems* (1982). Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

San Diego Chinese Music Ensemble and New Tang Dynasty Dance Team perform for Concert Hour performance, Thursday, November 15, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Jamaican Poet Claudia Rankine plans spoken-word performance, Thursday, November 15, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10 general. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

A Medieval Demon narrates Clive Barker’s adult horror novel *Mister B. Gone*, which he’ll discuss and sign, Thursday, November 15, 6:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (KEARNY MESA)

He’s a “Featured Teacher” in movie version of *The Secret*, and Michael Bernard Beckwith shares his “life visioning process,” Thursday, November 15, 6:45 p.m., at Unity Center (8999 Activity Road). \$39.99. 619-544-9700. (MIRAMAR)

Former White House Counsel John Dean discusses, signs his new book, *Broken Government: How Republican Rule Destroyed the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches*, Thursday, November 15, 7 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-836-4684. (ESCONDIDO)

Poet Joanne Kyger, author of *About Now: Collected Poems*, reads for World Literary Series, Thursday, November 15, 7 p.m., in Academic Hall 102 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Admission is free, parking is not. 760-750-8077. (SAN MARCOS)

Singer-Actress Queen Latifah takes stage on Monday, November 19, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Her most recent CD is *Trav’lin’ Light*, a jazz and rhythm and blues-influenced work. Tickets: \$45–\$60. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

Rides to Suit Every Rider! San Diego Bicycle Club’s “world famous” Saturday rides start at

8:30 a.m. at 8715 Via La Jolla Drive (in parking lot at La Jolla Village Square). Fast rides, core training, and development rides offered. Helmets mandatory. Free. 619-522-0058. (LA JOLLA)

Del Mar Classic Dressage Horse Show, Friday–Sunday, November 9–11, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-481-9085. (DEL MAR)

Tour de Julian bicycling events slated for Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11, have not been affected by recent wildfires. Two road rides slated for Saturday, November 10. Road ride runs Menghini Winery through Pines Hills, over Engineers Road and then either back to Julian or out to the top of Mount Laguna and back. Distances: 28 miles and 55 miles. Also on offer: the “old 40-mile course which goes to the top of Laguna Mountain but avoids the Engineers climb.” All rides start at 8:30 a.m.

Mountain bike along 11- and 22-mile routes through Santa Ysabel Preserve on Sunday, November 11, 9 a.m. Ride boasts streams, downhills, tough uphill climbs, meadow scenery. 760-765-2200. (JULIAN)

2007 Oceanside Fallen Officer 5k memorial beach walk/run in honor of Officer Dan Bessant is Saturday, November 10, on south side of Oceanside Pier. Participants step off at 9 a.m.; registration in amphitheater area at 7 a.m. Fee: \$12–\$65. Registration: 760-522-6605. (OCEANSIDE)

Residential Ramblings, join up with Knickerbikers bicyclists for ride to area south of Mission Trails Regional Park, Clairemont, Saturday, November 10. The 27-miler starts at 9 a.m. in parking lot at Montgomery Field. Bring money for lunch at Hsu’s Szechwan Cuisine. 858-278-8718. (KEARNY MESA)

Shelter Island 5K Run/Walk benefiting San Diego Adaptive Sports Foundation’s injured soldiers program is Sunday, November 11, starting at 7:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn (4875 North Harbor Drive and concluding at Humphrey’s on Shelter Island. Run is followed by champagne brunch. \$35 for adults, \$15 for

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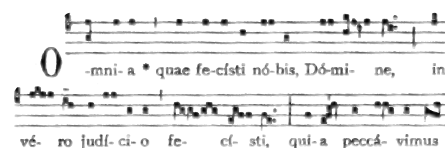
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Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 8–11 a.m. on Sundays year-round. Instruction on request. Group meets at south end of Crown Point Beach. All skill levels welcome. Nonmember fee: \$15 per run (about 15 minutes). 858-863-4755. (MISSION BAY)

Ride the Fallbrook Hills with San Diego Bicycle Society riders on Sunday, November 11. The 75-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. in upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (at Third and C). Bring money for deli lunch. 619-561-3846. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego Chargers host Indianapolis Colts in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, November 11, 5:15 p.m. Game broadcast on NBC; listen on radio station KIOZ-FM, Rock 105.3. Tickets: \$54–\$92, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

SPECIAL

The Original 1923 "Hollywood" Sign has been purchased by relief sculptor Bill Mack, who has painted images of Marilyn Monroe, Greta Garbo, James Dean on panels of original letter, pieced them together to create "an artistic eight-foot-tall *H*."

Piece is on view Thursday–Sunday, November 8–11, 10 a.m.–9 p.m., at Seaport Village (849 West Harbor Drive). Free viewing. 619-235-40914. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by Chef Joey for demonstrations on Thursday, November 8, 1 and 6:30 p.m., at Bloomingdale's San Diego at Fashion Valley (7057 Friars Road). Free. 619-610-6400. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Constitution as a 'Living Document'" is topic for P&R Discussion Group, Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

"Yoga and the Art of Happiness" workshop with Guru Ganesha Singh, Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., at Soul of Yoga (681 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 305). Participants will "use kundalini yoga and chanting." \$20.

Guru Rattana leads "The Inner Dance between Spirit and Matter," Sunday, November 11, 12:30–5:30 p.m. "Using kundalini yoga and meditation, you'll learn specifically how to awaken and experience the sublime pleasure of embodying the light of your soul." Followed by vegetarian potluck. Fee: \$65 in advance, \$75 at door. 760-943-SOUL. (ENCINITAS)

Harvest Festival returns to Del Mar Fairgrounds with more than 300 exhibitors offering art and craft items, November 9–11. Entertainment, food, demonstrations. Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closes at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tick-

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SnowJam Ski and Snowboard Expo, November 9–11 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Over 200 exhibitors from the snow sports industry, product demonstrations, resort representatives. Hours: 4–10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.–6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$13 in advance, \$15 at door. 866-766-9526. (DEL MAR)

Fine Art Festival IV hosted by San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild opens with preview on Friday, November 9, 5 p.m. (\$20); continues from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11 (\$10). Painters, sculptors, jewelers, photographers, have work on offer. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Maravar People of Southern India benefit from event on Friday, November 9, 6 p.m., at Faith Chapel (9400 Campo Road). More than 20 East County restaurants will offer samples, music by Downbeat, silent auction. \$15. 888-634-3579 x6000. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Renaissance Faire and Shakespeare in the Park," Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court, accompanied by entertainers, food vendors, merchants, and Renaissance re-enactors, gather at Felicita Park for eighth annual festival, Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Enjoy period music, battle pageants, Shakespearean theater, continuous entertainment, vendors, children's activities. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 seniors, \$7 for those under 12, free for kids under 4; parking is \$5. Find

park at 742 Clarence Lane. 805-496-6036. (ESCONDIDO)

Annual Sailing of the Star of India is Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11. View the ship from vantage points along Point Loma, Shelter Island, Harbor Island, the Embarcadero. The *HMS Surprise, Californian*, and *Lynx* will join *Star*, leaving their berths at 9 a.m., returning approximately 5 p.m. 619-234-9153. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

California-Friendly Gardening Festival, Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). New irrigation exhibit unveiling, low-water-use plants for sale, conservation booth, experts offering tips. Free admission. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Meet Nigerian Dwarf Goats, tour new three-story art studio, eat goat cheese during open studio/sale by local ceramic artist Laura Hershey, Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at 4783 Pescadero Avenue. Free. 619-222-5299. (POINT LOMA)

Photo Expo West 2007 is November 10 and 11 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Educational seminars, vendors, exhibits, and hands-on photography workshops for all levels. Free admission. Show opens at 9 a.m., closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

Fall Pottery Sale hosted by San Diego Potters' Guild, Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11,

10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Spanish Village Art Center. Sale promises "thousands of handmade ceramics" by area potters, pot-throwing demonstrations. 619-239-0507. (BALBOA PARK)

"Honoring Those Who Serve Veterans" is theme for 21st annual San Diego Veterans Day Parade, Saturday, November 10, 11 a.m. Parade follows approximately one-mile route, southbound along Pacific Coast Highway, beginning at Grape Street and ending at Harbor Drive. 619-282-6089. Free viewing. (DOWNTOWN)

Serbian Festival 2007 at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church (3025 Denver Street) is Saturday, November 10, 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Live Serbian music, dancing, food, tours of church known for its mosaic frescoes, imported Serbian goods, more. During symposium entitled "Introducing the Orthodox Church to our Neighbors" at 12:30 p.m., Reverend Bratso Krsic explains church architecture, worship, symbolism and basic precepts of the Orthodox faith. Festival admission: adults \$3, free for those 12 and younger. 619-276-5827. (CLAIREMONT)

Royal Holiday Tea, family event (for those five and older) planned by Linda Bibalo of Etiquette for All, Saturday, November 10, 1 p.m., at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$35. Reservations: 888-218-2105. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fine Art in Colored Pencil showcased during 15th anniversary exhibit of work by members of Colored Pencil Society of America, continuing through Saturday, November 24, at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Reception for artists: Saturday, November 10, 2 p.m. 858-668-4693. (POWAY)

"Inner Space/Outer Space" — San Diego State University's College of Sciences annual exploratorium and open house on Saturday, November 10, 4–8 p.m. Scientists and students display and demonstrate powerful microscopes, telescopes, computers, other lab equipment; exhibits, planetarium show. Free. 619-594-4523. (SDSU)

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Exhibition as Aftermath, “Formalities and Casualties,” described as an “innovative performance art piece,” is set for Saturday, November 10, 6 p.m., at 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street). This “Ray at Night” event is joint effort by artists and collaborators Larry Caveney and Tim McGraw. Gallery will be closed while panelists review artists’ work inside window-front gallery space; activity inside will be visible to passersby on sidewalk. Resulting exhibition closes Wednesday, December 5. Free. 619-501-0879. (NORTH PARK)

Warwick’s Holiday Open House slated for Sunday, November 11, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., with food and drink, appearances by authors Christine D’Amico (*Higgledy Pig-gledy*) and Barbara Skalak (*Waddle Waddle Quack Quack Quack*) at 10 a.m. Salina Yoon, author of *Jingle Jungle Jingle Bells*, will be on hand 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Meet *Suzy’s Zoo* creator Suzy Spafford (1 p.m.) and Richard Lederer, author of *Presidential Trivia* (2:30 p.m.). Find Warwick’s Bookstore at 7812 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

See Art Happen, grand opening is Sunday, November 11, noon–4 p.m., at Lux Art Institute (1550 South El Camino Real). Chilean artist Tomás Rivas will be working in his studio; family art activities,

studio tours, entertainment. Free. 760-436-6611. (ENCINITAS)

Student Psychic Fair, Sunday, November 11, noon–3 p.m., at Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association (2975 Washington Circle). Admission fee: \$15, “for as many student readings as time permits.” 760-745-9176. (ESCONDIDO)

Dance, Music, and Cultural Costumes promised when House of Pacific Relations hosts “sampler program” Sunday, November 11, 2 p.m. Free. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Alan Greenspan’s “Antitrust” Essay is fodder for Objectivist Discussion Group, Sunday, November 11, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge (2906 University Avenue). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-277-5840. (NORTH PARK)

Plant Nerd Night! Representatives from five wholesale-only specialty plant nurseries will show and talk about their newest, exceptional, and/or rare plants for San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, November 12, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Represented are Ades & Gish Nurseries, Kent’s Bromeliad Nursery, Monrovia, Proven Winners, and San Marcos Growers. Free. 760-295-7089 (DEL MAR)

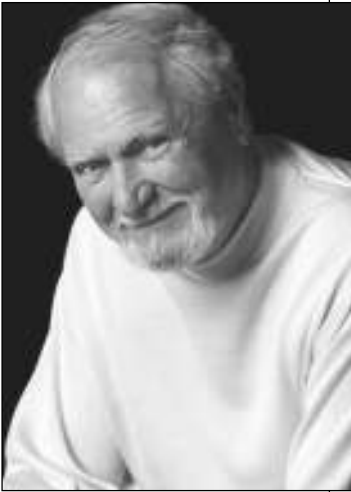
San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival, with 160 wineries, food from 60 San Diego restaurants, gourmet foods, celebrity chefs, auctions, runs Wednesday–Sunday, November 14–17.

Among the *many* events: “The Bold and the Beautiful,” focusing on “sparkling wines with real weight and character and depth that allows them to go beyond the conventional idea of what a

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sparkling wine and champagne tastes like” presented by Maria Hunt of *San Diego Union-Tribune* on Thursday, November 15, noon, at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive). \$45. “Perfect Paella Preparation” divulged by Viejas Casino executive chef Gary Thompson Thursday, November 15, 2 p.m., San Diego Wine and Culinary Center. \$45.

“Become a Cheese Expert (Or at Least Look Like One)” after Laura Werlin leads class at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, noon, Friday, November 16. Werlin plans tasting of eight basic styles of cheese, explaining how those eight styles are your key to understanding your cheese choices. \$55. “Women Winemakers Panel” follows on Friday, November 16, 4:30 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center. \$55.

“Top Chef All-Stars” including chefs Brian Hill, Frank Terzoli, and Brian Malarky will prepare three-course dinner with wine pairings on Friday, November 16, noon, at Macy’s School of Cooking (1555 Camino de la Reina). \$60.

Festival ends with “Grand Tasting: The Grand Finale,” Saturday, November 17, noon–4 p.m., in Embarcadero Park North behind Seaport Village. Organizers promise 60 of San Diego’s star chefs, gourmet food companies, olive oil tasting, live entertainment, and 160 international winemakers and spirit producers. Tickets: \$100 in advance.

Details on all events, tickets: 619-342-7337. (DOWNTOWN, MISSION VALLEY)

Annual Songwriting Contest sponsored by San Diego Songwrit-

ers Guild concludes with judging on Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m., at San Marcos Chicken Pie Shop (1020 West San Marcos Boulevard #130). Entries played in shop, judged at event. Free admission. 858-576-7302. (SAN MARCOS)

“Your Heart’s Desire: Sex and Love in Jewish Literature” explored during “Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature” discussion series, continuing with *A Simple Story* by S.Y. Agnon on Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., at Poway Library (13137 Poway Road). Free. 858-513-2939. (POWAY)

Celebrate Beaujolais Nouveau when Georges Duboeuf Vintage is released during party hosted by the French Gourmet, Thursday, November 15, 5:30 p.m., in Luce Court at NTC Promenade at Liberty Station (at Rosecrans Street and Roosevelt Road). Music by Patrick Berrogain’s Hot Club Combo, authentic French cuisine. \$44.95. Reservations: 858-488-1725 x300.

Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue) hosts “Beaujolais Nouveau 2007” event on November 15, 6–8 p.m. Classic country French fare paired with Georges du Boeuf Beaujolais Nouveau. \$45. Reservations: 619-557-3655. (POINT LOMA, DOWNTOWN)

“Consciousness — What Is It? How Does It Fit into Evolution?” Discuss subject with P&R Discussion group, Thursday, November 15, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

FOR KIDS

“Big Foot, the Musical” continues through Sunday, November 11, performed by Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. *Something’s Fishy* presented by Millie Patterson’s Weaver’s Tales, November 14–18.

Shows begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday–Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Find theater at 2130 Pan American Place. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

Native American Storyteller “Running Grunion” — a.k.a. Abel Silvas — entertains for Young Audiences of San Diego on Thursday, November 8, 6:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6605 University Avenue). Program includes Wilidcat singer Juan Meza Cuero and hands-on art workshop with Sylvia Mejia of Juaneño Band of Mission Indians. Free. 619-282-7599 x114. (ROLANDO)

Knowledge Is Power, new season for San Diego Junior Theatre gets underway with *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* Production continues through November 11 in Casa del Prado Theater. For all ages. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Performance on November 10 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$8–\$11 for those under 14 and seniors, \$10–\$13 general. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

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Make Some Penguins with origami when instructor Lisa Koide Halverson leads "Oh Boy! Origami!" class for kids 5–12 years old, Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. \$3. Materials, registration: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"Natural Resources of the Judean Desert" explored during family day activities, Saturday, November 10, 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Live animal stations, make an oil lamp from clay, more. Included in general museum admission. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Paper Bag Hat-Making with instruction provided, Saturday, November 10, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at Mingei International Museum — North County (155 West Grand Avenue). Included in museum admission. Reservations: 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30–2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Build a Straw Rocket during family science day at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday, November 10, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"Careers in Pharmaceutical Sciences" explored for high school students, Saturday, November 10, 12:30–2 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Delegates from American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists discuss how to put chemistry, biology, engineering skills to work "in a challenging field." Included with regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Robo Expo! Head to Reuben H. Fleet Science Center for those "interested in exploring the fascinating world of robotics," Sunday, November 11, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Exhibitors from NASA/JPL, Botball, FIRST, NOMAD, DARPA, many more will demonstrate their robots, discuss their programs. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Music Matters," West Hills High School music students present concert and discussion, Thursday, November 15, 3:30 p.m., Santee Library (9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard, suite 17). Designed to encourage an interest in music, for "children of all ages." Free. 619-448-1863. (SANTEE)

MUSEUMS

Birch Aquarium at Scripps, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines sci-

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ence behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and

Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose

gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Olaf Wieghorst Museum displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists' American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20 x 20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst's painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. The museum is located at 131 Rea Avenue. 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Dead Sea Scrolls" exhibition described as "the largest, longest, most comprehensive ever assembled in any country" continues through December. Exhibit of

27 scrolls — ten exhibited for first time ever — showcases Dead Sea Scrolls from Israel and Jordan, never-before-exhibited ancient Hebrew codices from Russian National Library, medieval manuscripts from British National Library, and modern interpretations of texts. To ensure preservation of the 2000-year-old parchment, 12 scrolls will be displayed for first three months and an additional 12 in last three months.

"Contemporary Israeli Photography," a collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery on view through December, features work by Neil Folberg, David Harris, Didier Ben Loulou, Duby Tal, others, and includes sculpture and glass.

The permanent exhibit "Fossil Mysteries" showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-sized models of *Albertosaurus*, *Lambeosaurus*, a sea cow, megalodon shark, more.

Current "giant-screen films" are *Ancient Qumran: A Virtual Reality Tour* and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (OLD TOWN)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel (2115 Park Boulevard), the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard DeRosset. Main exhibit hall features displays, exhibits of historic artifacts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, artwork honoring men and women who served. Museum is also home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 619-239-2300. (BALBOA PARK)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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“Baroque Pearls” — San Diego Chamber Orchestra is joined by Bach Collegium for concerts November 9, 12, and 13. Program boasts Baroque works whose ornate melodies and dance rhythms “sparkle with joy” by J.S. Bach, Pachelbel, Clarke, Giazotto, Mouret, and Handel.

Take in music on Friday at St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue), on Monday in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art (700 Prospect Street), and Tuesday at Del Mar Country Club (6001 Clubhouse Drive). Concerts begin

at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7–\$373, depending upon venue. Reservations: 858-350-0290. (MIDDLETOWN, LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

Mendelssohn’s “Violin Concerto” may be heard when violinist Stanley Xuandong Wang joins New City Sinfonia for concert on Friday, November 9, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Concert includes Rossini’s “La Gazza Ladra Overture,” “Arlington Sketches” by Elliott Del Borgo, Dvořák’s “Czech Suite.” Free. 619-527-4457. (HILLCREST)

“They’re Playing My Song,” Winter Pops concerts by San Diego Symphony, conductor Marvin Hamlisch, Lucie Arnaz and Robert Klein (vocals), Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20–\$80. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Five Octaves of Schulmerich Handbells and 3.5 octaves of Malmrk Choirchimes played by San Diego Harmony Ringers — an advanced community handbell ensemble, Saturday, November 10, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Program includes original handbell compositions, arrangements of familiar melodies, transcriptions of orchestral works such as Mozart’s “Overture to Marriage of Figaro.” \$15. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

Gian Carlo Menotti’s Amahl and the Night Visitors presented November 10, 11, and 15, in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and Thursday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 619-849-2344. (POINT LOMA)

French Chamber Playing at Its Best! Paris Piano Trio in concert hosted by UCSD’s ArtPower, Sat-

urday, November 10, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium, UCSD. Program includes “Trio No. 1 in F Major” by Saint-Saëns, Fauré’s “Piano Trio in D Minor,” and Ravel’s “Piano Trio in A Minor.” Tickets: \$34, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center performs for La Jolla Music Society’s Revelle Chamber Music Series on Saturday, November 10. Program showcases Ireland’s “Land of Lost Content,” “Piano Quartet in D Minor” by Walton, “Selections from Songs of Travel” by Vaughan Williams, and Elgar’s “Piano Quintet in A Minor.” Concert begins at 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25, \$55, \$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

“Gift to America,” this Veteran’s Day concert with selections by Bernstein, Sousa, others presented by civic organist Carol Williams on Sunday, November 11, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

“Play Music...Play Ball!” San Diego Symphony offers chance to “learn about the many things symphonic music and sports have in common” during Family Festival concert, Sunday, November 11, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$15–\$25. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

“An Orkney Wedding with Sunrise” by Peter Maxwell Davies may be heard when Redlands Symphony Orchestra performs for Symphony Series hosted by Fallbrook Music Society on Sunday, November 11, 3 p.m., at Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stagecoach Lane). Also on tap: Creston’s “Concertino for Marimba,” “Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter)” by

Mozart. Tickets: \$35 general, \$10 students. 760-451-8644. (FALLBROOK)

St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra, with artistic director and principal conductor Yuri Temirkanov and pianist Nelson Freire, takes stage at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street) for La Jolla Music Society’s Celebrity Series concert, Monday, November 12, 8 p.m. Listen for Schubert’s “Rosamunde: Entr’acte No. 3 in B-Flat Major,” “Piano Concerto in A Minor” by Schumann, and Prokofiev’s “Suite from the Ballet Romeo and Juliet.” Tickets: \$20–\$95. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

The Guarneri String Quartet performs for Barbara and William Karatz chamber concert series on Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$35. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“The Romantic Piano Concerto,” enjoy pieces by Beethoven, Schumann, and Brahms when Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra and pianist Dan Franklin Smith perform, Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., at Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Road). \$15 general. 619-697-6001. (SAN CARLOS)

Pianist Hyueeun Ham in recital, Wednesday, November 14, noon, in Rhapsody Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

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GALLERIES

New Work in a Variety of Media by art and design faculty members at San Diego State University featured in faculty exhibition continuing through November in University Art Gallery. Reception for artists: Friday, November 9, 6 p.m. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

“Hand-Created Art” and “Views from Spain” open with reception

on Saturday, November 10, noon, at Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard). Closes Sunday, January 6. 760-795-6120. (CARLSBAD)

Miniature Fine Art Show opens with reception for artists on Saturday, November 10, 1–6 p.m., at Banner Queen Trading Post Gallery (36766 Highway 78, eight miles east of Julian). Closes Sunday, December 9. 760-765-2168, 760-765-0815. (JULIAN)

“Fabric of the Imagination: Art by Quilt Visions Members” opens with reception on Saturday, November 10, 5 p.m., at Visions Art Quilt Gallery (NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Road, suite 100). Jurors Robert Leathers, Beth Smith, and Julie Zgliniec selected 35 works from over 125 submissions. 619-546-4872. Closes Sunday, January 13. (POINT LOMA)

“A Bit Odd, Darkly Touched, a Tad Humorous,” it’s how artist Michael Turi describes illustrations he’s exhibiting at Planet Rooth Studio/Gallery (3811 Ray Street). Show opens with Ray at Night party, Saturday, November 10, 6 p.m. Through November. 619-297-9663. (NORTH PARK)

“An Endless Pursuit,” plein air painting by Kirsten Anderson and Marjorie Taylor goes on exhibit with Ray at Night reception, Saturday, November 10, 6 p.m., at

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Taylor Studio (3825 Ray Street). 619-298-0063. (NORTH PARK)

"Earth: A Ground-Based View," exhibition of works by pilot and photographer Tyler Huston opens with reception on Saturday, November 10, 6 p.m., at Oceanside Photo and Telescope Underground Photographic Gallery (918 Mission Avenue). Huston uses digital photographic process called high dynamic range imaging. 760-231-0103. Closes Saturday, December 8. (OCEANSIDE)

"If Opened Alarm Will Sound" — exhibition with work by Ekundayo, Shay, and Paul Torres continues through Friday, November 30, at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Second reception: Saturday, November 10, 6 p.m. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

"Derivations" — new sculptural work by Lisa Medlen is on display through Sunday, November 25, at Agitprop Gallery (2837 University Avenue). Opening reception for artist: Saturday, November 10, 7 p.m. 619-384-7989. (NORTH PARK)

"Social Landscapes," exhibit of photography by Phel Steinmetz opens with reception, Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m., in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive, 619-644-7299). "Irony, ambiguity, and humor punctuate this body of work by the artist." Through Thursday, December 13. (EL CAJON)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Rituality" features contemporary works from ten local artists alongside traditional artifacts from Africa, Native North America, the Pacific Islands. Exhibition examines role of ritual in exploration of identity, creation of community, construction of power, as mediated and expressed through art.

"Niki de Saint Phalle: A Spiritual Path" offers a closer look at de Saint Phalle's spiritual journey, her interpretation of traditional tarot cards. "Is the tarot pack only a game of cards, or is there a philosophy behind it?"

Fifty-four individual paintings by Teresa Villegas are gathered in "La Lotería: An Exploration of Mexico." Artwork draws upon Mexican traditions, historical figures, food, popular culture.

"The Poetics of Myth" features a series of bas-relief terra-cotta panels by Brad Burkhart, focusing "on the creation of modern myths and archetypes."

Each of these exhibits opens on Saturday, November 10, and continues through Sunday, January 27.

"Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación (Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering)" — Eloy Tarcisio's 12th annual site-specific installation at California Center for the Arts, Escondido continues through Sunday, November 25.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum — North County, "Paper Transformed," exhibition made up of "Crowning Glory — From Paper Bag Hats by Moses" and "Origami — The Art of Paper Folding" from Mingei's permanent collection continues. For "Crowning Glory," Moses created more than 250 hats from paper bags contributed by merchants in his Hawaiian neighborhood. "Origami" boasts nearly 100 examples of traditional and contemporary paper folding; exhibition honors acclaimed local paper folder, author, teacher Florence Temko. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, "Craft in America: Expanding Traditions" surveys more than 200 works, spanning a period of nearly 200 years. Handcrafted furniture, ceramics, fiber and textiles, basketry, glass, wood, jewelry, metalwork are showcased. Closes Sunday, January 27.

Also on view: "American Viewing Stones: Natural Art in an Asian Tradition." Chinese connoisseurs began using large stones to decorate gardens, courtyards during the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.–A.D. 220); "Scholar's Rocks" is English name most commonly used for these items. American viewing stone collecting began with first- and second-generation Japanese-Americans who continued traditions of bonsai and *suiseki*.

The "Chinese Woodblock Prints in the Style of the Ten Bamboo Studio" are likely from a 19th-Century edition of *Treatise on Calligraphy and Painting of the Ten Bamboo Studio*. Prints are note-

worthy for technique of printing using multiple blocks. Both exhibits close on Sunday, December 30.

Masterworks from permanent collection are gathered in "The Beauty of Use — Mingei International Museum at 30," showcasing significant objects from many cultures shown in relationships highlighting similarities and differences among them. Museum has formed a collection of *mingei* now comprising 17,000 objects from 141 countries such as collection of 19th-Century African tribal currency, group of masks including example of Amazonian feather work, ritual objects, selection of monumental containers. Closes Sunday, May 11. The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Robert Irwin: Primaries and Secondaries" is "the largest exhibition of renowned artist...Irwin's work since 1993." Exhibit features five new major installation works created specifically for MCASD's galleries, is drawn almost exclusively of works from museum's collection. Closes Sunday, April 13. Find the museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Soundwaves: The Art of Sampling" examines "a specifically late 20th-Century manifestation of the conjunction of art and sound," showcases works by artists including Tim Bavington, Helen Cohen, Sean Duffy, T. Kelly Mason, Alyce

Santoro, others. Through Sunday, December 30.

"Cerca Series: Iana Quesnell," also closing on December 30, "investigates nomadism and temporary living situations." See several new large-scale drawings and an animation responding to artist's binational life between San Diego and Tijuana.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Oceanside Museum of Art, fifth juried exhibition of regional artists is "OMA Regional 5," in which jurors Jean Lowe, Leah Ollman, and Tyler Stallings selected art from over 440 works submitted. The 33 works selected for show include drawings, mixed media, paintings, prints, sculpture. Exhibition continues through Sunday, November 11. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Everett Gee Jackson/San Diego Modern, 1920-1955," is retrospective of "San Diego's most important Modernist artist." Exhibit featuring more than 50 works spanning most significant and productive decades of artist's career "presents a representative range of Jackson's multifaceted work, while contextualizing Jackson within the broader scope of mid-20th Century American modernism." Closes Sunday, January 27.

"Animated Painting," continuing through Sunday, January 13, boasts "25 cinematic works by 14 international contemporary artists who adapt traditional painting and drawing methods to the concepts and technologies of animation." Participating artists include the

Barnstormers, Sadie Benning, Jeremy Blake, Sebastián Díaz Morales, Kota Ezawa, Ruth Gómez, William Kentridge, Ann Lislegaard, Takeshi Murata, Serge Onnen, Julian Opie, Wit Pimkanchanapong, Qiu Anxiong, and Robin Rhode.

"Tastes in Asian Art," continuing through Sunday, November 25, features over 80 new works, many of which have never been displayed before. Highlights include new subsection of sculptures of *lohans* (enlightened monks), newly restored Chinese ancestor portraits, a screen of samurai warriors, an elaborate deck devoted to Tibetan art featuring bronze sculptures, furniture, 18th-Century shrine doors.

"Lyric Visions from Nezami's *Quintet*" includes more than 20 paintings created for or inspired by Nezami's texts, "among the most celebrated and influential poetic works in all of Persian literature." Paintings range in date from 15th to 20th Centuries. Closes Sunday, December 16.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, "Drawn to Rome: French Neoclassical Sketchbooks and Prints" explores sketches and prints by young French painters and architects who studied in Rome. Work by these artists "helped spark a revival in classical aesthetics that transformed 18th-Century French art." Closes Sunday, January 13.

Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Go, Chargers? Live Nation's major competitor, AEG, has consummated an agreement that will allow the concert company to open a

the Tragically Hip, Ghostface Killah, and Rakim) has culminated in some type of resolution.

Insiders say Live Nation/House of Blues has decided to stop booking at the downtown club. Live Nation will allegedly allow the 1200-capacity venue to revert back to the leaseholder, Ali

February 2006, ending 11 years of the club's operation as an independent concert venue.

"Only the dimmest of light bulbs could not have known that arrangement wouldn't work out," says a source close to the situation. "Everyone knew that House of Blues would put its best acts in its own club that it owns just a block away."

Insiders say Nilforshan is scrambling to assemble a crew to run 4th&B.

"I think he's going to have a hard time attracting the people he needs to pull this off," says the insider. "Why would somebody leave the good jobs they have at Live Nation or the Belly Up or wherever to go work for him?"

An independent promoter says November's 4th&B shows will proceed as advertised.

— Ken Leighton

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12,500-capacity outdoor venue on the grounds of the Chargers summer training facility at 4020 Murphy Canyon Road. Insiders say the use of the practice field has no bearing on whether or not the Chargers stay in San Diego.

More details were not available at press time.

The new venue will give AEG a foothold to compete with Live Nation, which books Coors Amphitheatre, House of Blues, and SDSU's Open Air Theatre and Cox Arena. AEG's venue deal comes at a time when the local concert industry is suffering.

"We are off 35 to 40 percent," says a person involved with promoting live music. "I think there are too many shows booked into a small, picky market."

— Ken Leighton

That's Show Biz A month of moved or canceled shows at 4th&B (among them Big Head Todd and the Monsters, the Black Crowes,

Nilforshan.

Insiders say the shows were canceled by the SDPD vice department when it was



MR. KILLAH? UM...SORRY... THE SHOW WON'T GO ON

discovered Live Nation had not renewed its entertainment permit.

Attempts to reach Nilforshan and Live Nation spokesman Greg Terlizzi were not successful. Lt. Kevin Ammon of the SDPD would not address the entertainment-license issue.

House of Blues took over 4th&B from Nilforshan in

partially defined by what we hated. We were motivated by the bands in San Diego we deemed crappy (and we did heckle those bands frequently). In that respect, we were the kind of heckler/critics that I speak highly of in my documentary: those who don't get caught in the rut of criticizing without creating; those who are



WHO'D HECKLE JEWEL?

constructive in that they want art to improve and are angry when it falls below high standards."

In the film, Jewel, who has long been sharp-tongued in retorts to hecklers and press jibes, offers her perspective on heckling. Addis knew her from her early SD days when she was thick with his friend and her quasi-mentor Steve Poltz.

"I've always liked her and was friends with her back in the day. She's a good and confident woman, and every time we got together, I was struck by how you really couldn't ask for a better role model for girls...."

"She says some very

funny, interesting things in our movie.... And speaking of which, the dumb criticism people have of her teeth is what made me want to put her in the movie. The fact that the press has focused on the lack of straightness in her choppers is a perfect example of why the fourth estate is in such bad shape nowadays — go after Jewel's teeth. It's a lot easier than doing actual journalism."

— David Stampone

What's Your Name, Little Girl? Sophie 103.7 FM switched from an all-talk format to an adventuresome "hot AC" (adult contemporary) format in June. The latest Arbitron ratings indicate the station is 28th in popularity among all local listeners. Those sluggish ratings have proven to be a blessing for local unsigned artists.

Kemistry, Appleseed, Republic of Letters, Wendy Dailey, and other local artists



GRAF GETS TOGETHER WITH SOPHIE

without nationally distributed record deals have scored daytime airplay on Sophie.

"They even put us on their website for a while," says singer/guitarist/songwriter Tommy Graf, 19. Sophie

103.7 played "Low" by his Beatles-flavored local band Mojave at 1 in the afternoon.

"I don't know of any other stations that will add an unsigned artist," says Sophie programming boss Charlie Quinn. He says his station is the only one in the country to add songs to regular rotation based on their MySpace activity.

"We go to MySpace and see who has the most downloads. These artists typically have 20,000 or more downloads."

Though Sophie's playlist (VHS or Beta, Eskimo Joe, Slightly Stoopid) is atypical for an AC station and doesn't get as much hip credit as other local alternative stations, Quinn says, "I don't care about cred. I care about our listeners who care about new music."

Robert Hughes, co-owner and afternoon DJ on KPRI, says, "It's easy to hype your friends on MySpace. It's easy to get a lot of so-called 'friends,' and it's probably meaningless. It all comes down to if the music is any good. If you're a local artist and the music is bad, being local ain't gonna save your ass."

Meanwhile, FM 94/9, Rock 105.3, and KPRI air local artists on weekend nighttime shows. *Loudspeaker*, the all-local show on 91X, airs from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Mondays.

Mojave appears tonight at Scolari's.

— Ken Leighton

Don't Let the Bald Head Fool You

Bassist/songwriter Eric Verniere says the latest, local incarnation of the Wrecking Dead is "...a psychobilly

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band, but we don't do that whole silly zombie thing."

Born in the U.S., Verniere moved with his family to Denmark when he was five months old. He returns to Denmark once a year. The first version of the Wrecking Dead, based in Copenhagen, put out an EP with what appears to be a skinhead gang on the back cover.

"They are not skinheads; we called them 'firms.' They are groups of soccer hooligans. Some of my acquaintances used to go to soccer games and basically beat the shit out of people. I come from a punk oi background. People think Denmark is a la-di-dah, fairy-tale country, but it has its nasty side."

He says Wrecking Dead lyrics have always been about taking pride in one's country, "...instead of shitting on your country like some punk bands do.... Every country is losing its culture to globalization. Every country is losing its uniqueness. I want to use punk rock to go against grayness and global conformity...."

"Over here, punk rock means getting a Mohawk and pissing off your rich daddy. To me, punk rock means going against the grain. Denmark is a very organized and controlled society. You

are not allowed to let loose your inner Viking. Everything is so PC; you're not allowed to be a man anymore....

Americans express their rage on the road. When hooligans go to a soccer game, it is their chance to blow off steam."

Verniere reformed the Wrecking Dead when he moved to New Jersey in 2001. The third version includes former



WRECKING DEAD LIVES (AGAIN)

members of local psychobilly bands the Formaldehydes and the Kryptonix. Wrecking Dead (myspace.com/wreckingdead) appear November 16 at Dream Street.

— Ken Leighton

One of Those Guys After being hospitalized for a protracted illness, Guy Lopez, bass player of the late-'70s punk band the Upbeats, died October 2.

The younger brother of Robert Lopez (better known as El Vez and one of the original members of the Zeros), Guy did a brief stint as bassist for the Zeros in 1978. He joined the Upbeats after watching the band play at Abbey Road, one of San Diego's first punk-show venues. (The building is now home to the Abundant Grace Christian Center at 3117 University Avenue.)

"That's where we met — Abbey Road," says Paris Treantafeles, guitarist/vocalist of the Upbeats. "At the time I was borrowing a bass player here and there. He would

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sometimes play with the Zeros, and I guess he saw us and he liked us and said, 'Yeah, I'll play with you.' So we started playing [Abbey Road] and the Skeleton Club and San Diego State [the Backdoor]."

Though the Upbeats didn't make much of a mark outside Southern California, Guy "...was just one of those guys that everyone knew and everyone loved," says cousin Kevin Chanel, who released a number of cassettes, records, and CDs throughout the '80s and '90s on his now-defunct National City-based Scheming Intelligentsia Records.

According to Chanel, Guy followed the lead of other San Diego musicians and bands — including the Zeros and the Dils — and moved north to San Francisco in the early '80s.

"He wasn't playing in any bands in San Francisco," says Chanel. "But he seemed to have known everyone — and I really mean everyone — in San Francisco."

Guy lived in Kensington when he passed away last month at the age of 42.

— Larry Harmon

People Think We're Bonkers The just-released Madonna tribute *Through the Wilderness* includes the Prayers, who cover her 1989 single "Cherish."

"We originally wanted to do the song 'Like a Prayer,' " says singer/sax player Brandon Welchez, "not only because of the name relation, but because it's a great tune. Unfortunately, another band had it already, so we chose



MADONNA WOULD BE PROUD (THE PRAYERS)

'Cherish' because it kinda has that nice Motown beat already.

"We don't consider it an offbeat cover at all," he says. "People think we're bonkers over the '60s or something, but we like all sorts of shit.

And a bunch of Madonna's back-catalog is great songs. Have you ever played 'Holiday' on an acoustic guitar? It's perfect pop songwriting."

Welchez says the band has yet to perform "Cherish" live, though they've been known to play other covers. "We did 'A Well-Respected Man' by the Kinks as part of our nightly set on a U.S. tour. It seemed to go over fine.... We once did a set of Smiths and Morrissey covers."

The Prayers — founded in late 2005 by Welchez (formerly of the Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower) and Andrew Miller (from Gasoline Please) — are currently on a U.K. tour.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Play That Thang Casbah patron Marc Pierce got a surprise October 27 while watching Southern Culture on the Skids perform.

"About three-quarters of the way through the show," he blogs, "midway through the song, [guitarist] Rick [Miller] pulls off his guitar and, not looking down, steps off the stage with his microphone and hands his guitar to me! The guitar began to squeal, so I turned it down. That's when I heard Rick say, 'You can

play that thang if you want to'.... Luckily, the song was relatively easy and the melody was burned into my brain. I stood in my spot in front of Rick's monitor and played away."

In an interview, Pierce said,



PIERCE HITS THE SKIDS' GUITAR

"He didn't know that, not only do I play guitar, but I used to be in a band in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, that opened up for Southern Culture on the Skids! I'm a big fan."

Pierce is frequently seen on Mondays and Wednesdays trying out new material at Joe 'N Andy's Hole in the Wall in La Mesa.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 8

Rock throwbacks **Hold Steady** meet punk throwbacks **Art Brut** at 'Canes for double bill of the year. Though both bands grind out fist-pump jams, make no mistake, it's the pop-poetry and vocal stylings of Steady frontman Craig Finn and Brut singer Eddie Argos that deliver these bar bands to the world stage. This year saw hit releases from both acts, though diehards'd tell you they weren't a patch on prior discs. Critical consensus suggests they're a couple of one-trick ponies, but I'm telling you, it's a helluva trick. Don't miss out.... 'Nother brutish poet, **Henry Rollins**, will rant his cant at 4th&B tonight. Best known for his years in L.A.'s DIY punk scene (Black Flag), Rollins has fashioned himself as an aggro artiste. What do you call preaching to the choir when the choir's paying \$20 a head? Spoken word.... The intimates include L.A. psych-pop act **Film School** at Beauty Bar. The band's touting this



ART BRUT AT 'CANES

year's Beggars Banquet disc *Hideout*, an effects-drenched slow-burner — sounds like precious Warlocks. Worthy Beauty bill pairs 'em up with the **Eulogies**.... 4AD recording artists **Celebration** tour new disc *The New Tribe* through Casbah. The experimental Baltimore trio send up psychedelic rock and soul led by indie everywoman Katrina Ford, who can boast studio time with TV on the Radio ("Wolf Like Me"). Celebrated bill includes **Kill Me Tomorrow**, **Fantasy Magic**, and **Free*Stars** in the Atari Lounge.... DJs Mario and Charles, aka **Skull Kontrol**, spin oddities at Tower Bar. Love 'em or hate 'em, these turntablists are a change of pace for SD DJs.

Friday 9

Jon Spencer's got a new joint called **Heavy Trash**. The NYC-based duo of guitarist/singer Spencer and soundsmith Matt Verta-Ray continue Spencer's

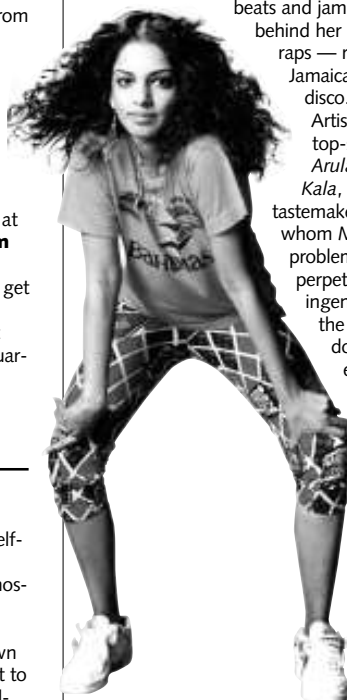
immolation of American roots music, stretching the bluesy bloodlines wrought by Pussy Galore, Boss Hog, and Blues Explosion. Yep Rock disc *Going Way Out with Heavy Trash* (2007) describes a more song-centric Spencer — call it rockabilly skronk. **PowerSolo**, a punk-n-soul three-piece from Denmark, will spill their share of dumpster juice in the opening slot on Casbah's stage Friday night.... Canadian pop act **Stars** features three players from indie-rock crop Broken Social Scene, which has become Canada's number-one export. Vocalist Amy Millan and crew will deliver fresh sounds from *In Our Bedroom after the War*, a confident if controlled follow-up to hit disc and fan fave *Set Yourself on Fire*, which will prove to be Stars' high-water mark; i.e., check *Fire* for a par view.... Couple capital-E Events this week-end. Tonight it's a peck of radio-ready pop-rock at Cox with **Maroon 5**, the **Hives**, and **Phantom Planet**. Check your brain at the door.... I don't remember filling out a **Vocoder** fan form, but I get a ton of e-mail from these cats. Their MySpace takes are a lil' gooey and U2-y for my taste, but they get a shoutout for persistence — the SD quartet plays Ken Club Friday night.

Saturday 10

This weekend's other capital-E Event: FM 94/9's fifth anniversary bash (*brought to you by Miller Lite*) features **Feist**, **VHS or Beta**, and them self-same **Hives** from last night's big shinny dig. Did you hear Radio's been moved from the ICU to hospice care?... UCSD's got the bulk of live-music booty Saturday night, as Kevin Barnes and the buzz-stunning **Of Montreal** bring Athens-grown to the high-falutin Mandeville Auditorium. What to expect from the ten-year-strong Elephant Six collective: heavy play from last year's hit *Hissing Fauna* and a sampling from next year's *Skeletal Lamping*. Some improvised covers?... Couple doors down at the Ché, Seattle's post-punk experimentalists **These Arms Are Snakes**. New math noise rock, like Jehu and Jesus Lizard; pummeling melodies and brainy screech, like Blood Brothers. Best fare: last year's Jade Tree release *Easter*. From the Ché, the Snakes could overwhelm the tender turns at Mandeville, no?... Howev., gonna have to go with the **Walkmen** at Casbah as underwriter of these here terms. The more this New York quintet unravels, the better they get, streaming behind frontman Hamilton Leithauser's straining cords and chords. Last year's *A Hundred Miles Off* stripped bare the studio stain of breaker Bows + Arrows. Walkmen have since released a track-for-track cover of Harry Nilsson and John Lennon's 1974 audity *Pussy Cats*. Brooklyn's similar-sounding indie act the **Subjects** will open.... **B-Side's** at House of Blues if you're wearing dancin' shoes.

Sunday 11

UK club-rock diva **M.I.A.** will appear at 'Canes Sunday night. Mathangi "Maya" Arulpragasam is the Sri Lankan daughter of a political militant. As a young world traveller, Maya collected international



M.I.A. AT 'CANES

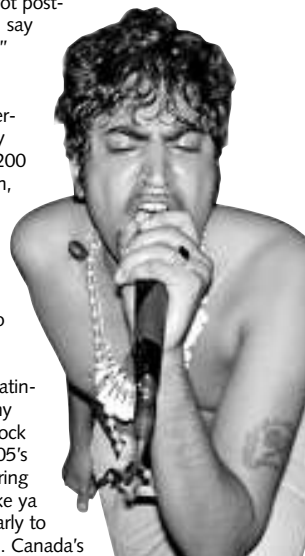
beats and jams that can be heard behind her politicized party raps — ragga, electronica, Jamaican dancehall, and disco. The former *Spin* Artist of the Year's two top-sellers, 2005's *Arular* and this year's *Kala*, are touted by the tastemakers at Pitchfork, whom M.I.A.'s had no problem backbiting "for perpetuating the male-led ingenu myth." Go for the show, kid, but don't look her in the eyes.... Blues guitarists **Dave Mason** and **John Mayall** will rock socks down at House of Blues...while easterly, **Hostile Combover** coifs at Zombie and **Smile Brigade** and the **Donkeys** check in at Tower Bar — recommendable sets for Sunday-night crawlers.... It's a *second* Sunday, which means **Citizen Video** will be screening flicks at Whistle Stop — call for titles. Afterward, house DJs dust off bebop for **Night of the Cookers**.

Monday 12

Need to shake off Monday? Get out to Viejas, where **Danzig** will rattle yer teeth. The former Misfit won't go away, so you might as well join him and the rest of his metal maniacs. Hear tell there's a generous buffet. That's a surreal image, metalheads loading up on salad and Jell-O.... Casbah's Anti-Monday League recruits barn-burners **Whiskey Dicks** and the **Screamin' Yeehaws** for a night of country-fried rock 'n' roll.... Folkie guitarist **Tim Reynolds** and Southern chanteuse **Pieta Brown** will split the bill at Belly Up.

Tuesday 13

Ozomatli was supposed to play this free "Mi Concierto" last week at Casbah, but it got postponed. Can you say "copy forward?" Multiethnic L.A. nine-piece Ozomatli will perform a free early set for the first 200 to get to Casbah, where you can get your wristbands starting at 3p. The posting says it's a promo show for "MySpace en Español." The Latin-flavored Grammy winners (Latin-rock category for 2005's *Street Signs*) "bring the funk to shake ya junk." 7p too early to shake ya junk?... Canada's rockabilly roustabouts **King Khan and BBQ** bring *What's for Dinner* to Bar Pink Elephant Tuesday night. Lot of Buddy Holly, little Jon Spencer.



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Wednesday 14

The **Average White Band** settles in at Anthology for a couple nights starting Wednesday. The Scottish funk band made their mark in the mid-'70s with minor disco hits, including 1975 chart-topper "Pick Up the Pieces." Last year, founders Gorrie and McIntyre and the new Average Whites released *Soul & the City*, *Recorded Live at B.B. King's*, showing this 33-year-old road show has not lost its groove.... Belly Up will host a Toys for Tots showcase Wednesday night with 'Dago-by-way-of-Vegas country-rock band **Married by Elvis** and Texas crooner **Willie Mack**. The event couples as a CD release for MBE's debut *Better Late Than Never*.... Yo, 'Canes presents New York hip-hopper **Mims** and his baggy pant'd posie — **Heaterville**, **Brookstyle**, **Flawless**, **Kedaru**, and **Stacy Laced**. Fo shizzle ma nizzle. According to the Urban Dictionary: "I concur with you wholeheartedly my African American brother."

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Jon Shimmin is a hard-working local drummer with a day job; at night, he's at area clubs behind the skins. He has played in several bands such as the Reaganomics, Junk, and Negative Filter. Sometimes he's in a number of bands, sometimes one, but he's always playing.

Shimmin recalls, "A drum instructor, Pat Patrillo, from when I marched drum corps, found out I was going to school at Berklee College of Music in Boston and said, 'Play out as much as possible. Get in front of as many people and play as many gigs as you can.' I think that has been the best thing...I used to get sort of a stage fright where my legs would go numb, and I couldn't tell if I was going to hit my kick drum on the right beat or not."

He emigrated from Chicago to San Diego five years ago after a divorce. He feels Southern California was his destiny — "There are no waves to surf in Chicago." When he was packing up to move, he found his high school yearbook in which someone had written, "You're a great drummer, and good luck in California!"

"I remember...I was probably a sophomore in high school, up in my room rocking out to Van Halen, headphones on, mirrored shades, sleeveless T-shirt, shorts, wristbands, headband — I look over, and there in my room are two girls from my school that my mom, for some reason, let in. I was so embarrassed."

Shimmin lives in Ocean Beach, a haven for San Diego musicians. I tell him there isn't a block in OB where you can't find at least one musician jamming and practicing, and he agrees. He used

to live in a tiny apartment in the OB "war zone" but is now in a condo close to the beach.

ALL-TIME FAVORITE BAND?

"Depends on what era we're talking about. Growing up and learning drums, it was always Rush and Van Halen. I think every drummer loved Neil Peart."

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FAVORITE DEAD CELEBRITY?

"John Bonham, the drummer from Zeppelin, was a god. I would have loved to see how his career and Zep's would have developed. He was making sounds that no drummer was making in rock at that time."

FAVORITE LIVE CELEBRITY?

"Jessica Alba. She is...perfection. Especially as the [invisible] chick from *Fantastic Four* and the cowgirl/stripper from *Sin City*."

SEXIEST LOCAL PERFORMER?

"Andrea, from the band Sick Eddy, is hot. She's also a host on *Flashrock.com* and goes by QMD. An amazing performer — great, powerful voice and excellent show-woman-ship. Short skirts and rock attitude. She was in my band Junk a few years ago."

LAST BOOK READ?

"I read a lot of self-help books about positive thinking, building self-esteem, being grateful for the things I have, being able to accomplish anything. I love that shit — it makes me feel good."



Jon Shimmin

GUILTY PLEASURE?

"I love, on a Sunday afternoon — I swore I'd never tell anyone this — an exotic-berry wine cooler. Yes, the favorite drink of cheerleaders worldwide. They're sweet, delicious, and refreshing."

WORST JOBS?

"I've had a bunch of bad jobs. Did you see the movie *Rock Star* where Mark Wahlberg had the ponytail and was fixing copiers? That was me for a while. And the guy was, like, 'Are you wearing eyeliner?' And he said, 'I'm in a band!' Actually,

I was approached by my boss with the ultimatum that I either cut my hair or get a new job. See ya!

"I grew up in the country, so I've bailed a lot of hay. Now that is a tough job. All the dust and hay in your eyes, nose, mouth and throwing those heavy bails as far as you can. Great workout! You'll sleep 20 hours after a day of doing that."

"Everyone's had a fast-food job, right? Mine was Au Bon Pain. They're more east...it's French-bakery fast food. I was a starving musician and remember many times grabbing the old ham 'n' cheese croissants that they were going to toss and having a decent meal." ■

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FRIDAY

Maroon 5 and the **Hives:** Cox Arena, Friday, November 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Junior Reid: 'Canes, Friday, November 9, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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Jake Shimabukuro: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, November 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Sergio Mendes: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Sunday, November 11, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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The Misfits and **Agent Orange:** Soma, Thursday, November 15, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Peter, Paul, and Mary: California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

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Erin McKeown: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, November 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Al McKay: Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, November 17, 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.

James Cotton: Anthology, Saturday, November 17, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

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Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals: San Diego Civic Theatre, Sunday, November 18, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Cox Arena, Monday, November 19, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Queen Latifah: California Center for the Arts, Monday, November 19, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Down: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ozzy Osbourne and **Rob Zombie:** San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, November 20, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Alejandro Sanz: Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

MSTRKRFT: 4th & B, Wednesday, November 21, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

New Found Glory and **Senses Fail:** House of Blues, Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The English Beat: Belly Up Tavern, Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

La Quinta: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 23, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Guttermouth: 'Canes, Saturday, November 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Van Halen: Cox Arena, Sunday, November 25, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: House of Blues, Sunday, November 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Travis and **Maximo Park:** House of Blues, Monday, November 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Iron and Wine: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 27, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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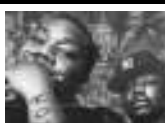


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Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live indie/rock/alternative.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/indie/metal/punk. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Brand New*, *Thrice*, and *Mewithoutyou*. Friday, 7 p.m., *Narsil*, *Cage*, *Under the Stone*, *Damcyan*, and *Darkness Enthralled*. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Coheed and Cambria*, *Clutch*, and *the Fall of Troy*. Sunday, 6:15 p.m., *Paramore*, *the Reign of Kindo*, *Misdelfphia*, and *the Material*.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, *J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam*. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Amelia Browning* and *the John Kopecky Trio*. Saturday, *Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta*, R&B/Top 40/jazz. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Tim Ninnink* and *Doug Walker*, modern jazz.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Robin Henkel Band*, blues. Saturday, *Side Jobz*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, blues. Friday, *the Red Elvises*. Saturday, *Alan Iglesias*

and *Crossfire*, blues. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Music is hard rock/alternative rock. Thursday, *Skull Kontrol*. Friday, *Desert Diamonds*. Saturday, *the Dissimilars and Heavy Cessna*. Sunday, *Smile Brigade* and *the Donkeys*.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the Free*Stars*, infocore.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., Billy Joel and Elton John tribute show. Friday, 9 p.m., *Super Diamond* and *the Cured*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Super Diamond* and *the Reaganomics*, '80s dance. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Jake Shimabukuro*, jazz/funk/blues, and *Joanie Mendenhall*, pop. Monday, 8 p.m., *Tim Reynolds* and *Pieta Brown*, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Married by Elvis* and *Willie Mack*, country.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Joseph Angelastro Trio*, jazz.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Korrie Paliotto*, folk.

California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 1-800-988-4253. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Cherryholmes*, bluegrass.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, classic rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Chin's Palace, 2241 South El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-439-3600. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Marc Logan*, jazz.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Heavy Trash (Jon Spencer and Matt Verta-Ray) is like a snapshot of a familiar subject taken from a different angle and in harsh lighting. The Beat Farmers pre-Joey Harris were verging on this sound early on in the '80s — a friendly opiate of truck-stop muscle-car roots rock, full of lust and beer and electricity. Think about stoic old Gene Vincent in a band with the even more stoic old Johnny Cash. Add Link Wray on guitar and Howlin' Wolf singing lyrics by William Burroughs through fried amplifiers, and you begin to get the Heavy Trash picture.

Frying amps is nothing new for Jon Spencer. His guitar in the Blues Explosion

sounds more like a loud vacuum cleaner than a thing with strings. In over a decade of Blues Explosion music, Spencer has routinely taken his subject matter into the sonic region of jet takeoffs and big reverberations. Calling his music the blues may have in fact been an inside joke. The name Heavy Trash certainly is.

Matt Verta-Ray once said that's what his father called one of his first rock bands out of high school. Home-based in the band Speedball Baby, Verta-Ray is the calming influence in the duo. He, like Spencer, has an affection for American rockabilly, and only from a non-purist standpoint. I take comfort in that. Rockabilly has become a fetish of hot rods, tats, sexified girlfriends, and bad hair. The Heavy Trash approach makes it okay to like rockabilly again. The new CD has the texture of something that has been a fun side project



for two seasoned vets who share a love of roots music and don't get asked to play it out much. "It's like a party," Verta-Ray told a magazine, "every time we play."

HEAVY TRASH, The Casbah, Friday, November 9, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Restless Natives*, rock/blues/reggae. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *the Fabulous Woodies*, classic rock, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Steamers*, jazz, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Fish and the Seaweeds*, classic rock. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, classic rock.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

Epazote, 1555 Camino Del Mar (in the Del Mar Plaza), Del Mar. 858-259-9966. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Z-Bop!*, jazz/swing/standards/blues.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Z-Bop*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Leo Rising*, classic rock. Saturday, call club for information.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Music is rock/alternative/metal. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the Dirty Pit Kids*. Friday, *Nihilist*, *Severed Roots*, *Keaper*, *Downswerve*, and *Nephilim*. Saturday, *Mean Dinosaur*, *Ten Seconds to Go*, *a Shattered Hope*, and *Material Dream*. Sunday, *Hangface*. Tuesday, *Metal Shop*. Wednesday, *Strong Arm Down*.

La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Spa: Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, jazz. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country. Saturday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Fleetwood Max!*, Fleetwood Mac tribute band.

Mille Fleurs, 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-3085. Tuesday through Sunday, *Mark Lessman*, jazz. Wednesday, piano.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Dead Serial Killers*, metal.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 9 p.m., *Gold Dust*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Soul Diego*, rock/soul. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

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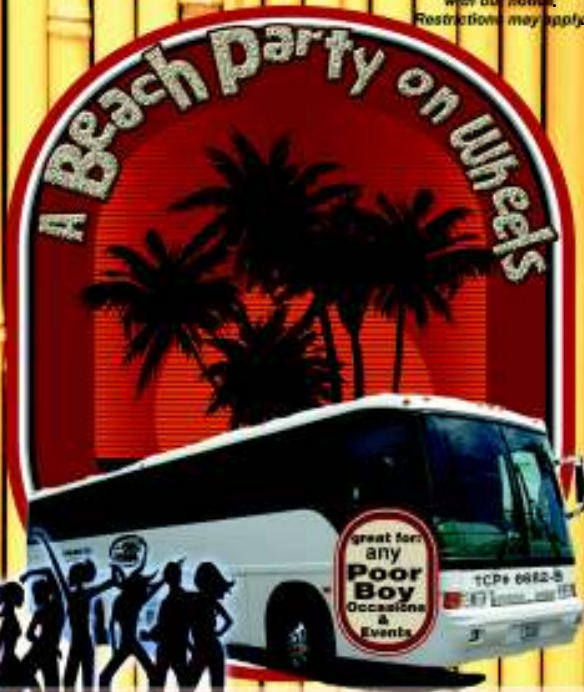
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Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

When In Rome, 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-944-1771. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Thursday, 7 p.m., *the Tokeli Jazz Trio*. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Stage 4* or *Mikan and Friends*, R&B/jazz.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist. Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Gonzo Gonzales*. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Jim Gibson*, guitarist.

1500 Ocean: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Tony Lasley*, jazz guitar. Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., *Ping Hu*, harpist.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *the Jones Revival*, rock. Wednesday, *Mitchell Cornish and Mojo Nixon*.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Northstar*, classic rock. Friday, *Harmony Road*, acoustic. Saturday, *4-Way Street*, acoustic rock. Monday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic/folk. Tuesday, *David Houser*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *B'Dale*, acoustic. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Johnson, Bosley and Morin*, acoustic trio.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Thunderhead*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Tall Dudes*, rock/country.

Downtown Cafe, 182 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-5687. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Joey and the Stingrays*, classic rock/oldies/country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday and Saturday, live rock/metal/punk.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday and Saturday, country music.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 30 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *the Honky Tonk Kings*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 6019-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Franco Z*, standards/swing/jazz.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/rock/reggae.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

From the moment I first heard the song "Ageless Beauty" from **Stars'** 2005 album *Set Yourself on Fire*, I was smitten. I kept on being smitten even after I brought home the album and listened to its corny spoken-word introduction. If the album was sometimes a little too sentimental, I thought it was redeemed by the cleverness of the arrangements and the barbs hidden in the lyrics.

So I kept on being smitten, right up until I tracked down their 2003 album *Heart* and heard its spoken-word introduction in which each member of the band introduces himself or herself thusly: "I'm Amy, and this

is my heart...I'm Torq, and this is my heart," and so on. I thought I had a high tolerance for nakedly romantic pop, but that went past my limit. Since I've heard it I can't listen to *Set Yourself on Fire* without rolling my eyes.

Stars toured for more than a year to promote *Set Yourself on Fire*, and it shows: On their new album *In Our Bedroom After the War* they sound tighter and more powerful. They actually rock from time to time. Side projects by lead singers and main songwriters **Amy Millan** and **Torquil Campbell** (notably Millan's solo album and work with Broken Social Scene and Campbell's work with the band Memphis) apparently expanded their songwriting ambitions — as did a misguided album that enlisted friends to remix *Set Yourself on Fire*



STARS

in its entirety. The result is a lushly arranged, often quite beautiful album. But to really get into it, you've got to enjoy the taste of schmaltz.

STARS, House of Blues, Friday, November 9, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$15.

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Etched in Stone: Brick By Brick

The Fall of Troy: Soma

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The Hives: 4th & B

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The Koffin Kats: Brick By Brick

The Lanterns: Ché Café

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The Material: Soma

Material Dream: The Jumping Turtle

Mean Dinosaur: The Jumping Turtle

Mewithoutyou: Soma

Misdelphia: Soma

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Narsil: Soma

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Davie Allan and the Arrows: Winstons

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Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Cage: Soma

The California Del Rays: Winstons

Canon Ball: Tiki House

Captain Kirk and Beam Me Up Scotty: The Calypso Cafe

Catalina: Dreamstreet

Clutch: Soma

Coheed and Cambria: Soma

Colossus of Roads: Ché Café

The Cradit Union: Ocean House

The Cured: Belly Up Tavern

The Danglers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Dead Serial Killers: Molly Malone's

Desert Diamonds: Tower Bar

The Dirty Kings: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Dregs of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

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The Fabulous Woodies: Coyote Bar and Grill

Fish and the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill

Fleetwood Maxi: McCabe's Beach Club

Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina

Gold Dust: Ocean House

Good Times: Henry's Pub



Album: *This and That* (2007)

Artist: Meld

Label: self-released

Where available/price: At live shows for \$5

Songs: 1) Quickly 2) The Gambling Song 3) Sarah's Lullaby 4) Bad Ass 5) Manumana 6) Marbles 7) And Then I... 8) Ants 9) New Jack 10) Proudfoot

Band: Mike Stoltz (vocals, guitar), Eric Zugner (guitar), Leo Zugner (drums, vocals), David Swendsen (bass)

Website: *MySpace.com/meldrock*

Extra info: Meld is scheduled to play at the Tiki House in Pacific Beach on November 29.

Meld's motto is "Prepare to have your ass blown out!" While they fall a little short of delivery on the promise, I love the sen-

timent. And the band isn't bad. They're not setting the music world on fire; they're a beach jam band. Which means they're a collection of

guys who aren't masters at arrangement or lyrics, but they've played music since before they could drive, and they list Hendrix instead of the Shadows of Knight as influences.

The music follows a beach-rhythm template. If you've ever been to Dream Street, Winstons, or any live-music bar around Hornblend and Garnet, then you'll recognize the songs. They essentially play the same beach-jam-band song as every other beach-jam band, except they let the bass do much more of the heavy lifting than the lead guitar.

Not that I'm panning them. There are bars along the coast that need live acts to complement the pitchers of cold beer. Meld falls into



Meld

the niche naturally. If you were a fan of the Wise Monkey Orchestra, Dang, D*Frost, or Psydecar, then you'll probably enjoy a mug of Natty Light and a session from Meld.

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Leo Rising: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Live Wire: The Kraken

Magnolia Black: Dreamstreet

Moon Dance: Pal Joey's

Mother Grundy: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Nemesis: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Out of State: Dreamstreet

The Pheromones: Tiki House

Private Domain: Humphrey's, Dick's Last Resort

The Reaganomics: Belly Up Tavern

The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Riverbottom Rockers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

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Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

Side Jobz: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

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Skull Kontrol: Tower Bar

Slacktone: Winstons

Smile Brigade: Tower Bar

Soul Diego: Ocean House

The Stiletto: Henry's Pub

Super Diamond: Belly Up Tavern

Superdoo: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

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Tuesday, November 13

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Blue Rockit

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City Limits: The Red Eye Saloon
The Cool Kids: 'Canes
The Honky Tonk Kings: Renegade Inn
Hot Rod Lincoln: Coyote Bar and Grill
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The Ian McFeron Band: Lestat's Coffee House
Tim Mudd: Lestat's Coffee House
Thomas Ian Nicholas: Lestat's Coffee House
Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle: Dublin Square
Robbie O'Reilly: Blarney Stone Pub
Korrie Paliotto: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)
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Lindsey Yung: Lestat's Coffee House
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BLUES / SOUL

Ayanna and the Exiles: Patrick's II
Blue 44: Turquoise Cafe
Blue Heat: The Kraken
Blue Largo: Patrick's II
Blue Rockit: Humphrey's
Tomcat Courtney: Turquoise Cafe

Kyle Culkins: Patrick's II
Fuzzy and the Bluesmen: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Robin Henkel Band: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)
Alan Iglesias and Crossfire: Tio Leo's Lounge
Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta: South Park Bar and Grill
Lady Dottie and the Diamonds: Henry's Pub
The Bill Magee Blues Band: Patrick's II
Mama's Red: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
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Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors: The Kraken, The Calypso Cafe
Mystery Train: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band: Patrick's II
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Yo, DJ!

Talk About a Star



Maroon 5 plays Cox Arena tomorrow, November 9

Adam Levine is the lead singer for the group Maroon 5. Adam Levine is cool.
It is a warm summer afternoon on a Wednesday [in 2002], and Maroon 5 are out promoting their first album, *Songs about Jane*. By now the country had heard the pop/rock single "This Love," but probably didn't know who Maroon 5 was. Adam Levine and his guitarist had come by the Star 100 studio to play a quick set of songs for a small coterie of lucky fans.
It was an awkward setting. The "Star Lounge" was a garishly painted former prize closet that might have fooled somebody if not for the fluorescent light in the drop ceiling. There we all were: Adam, his guitarist, a few station employees, and six fans in a small bright room. It is quiet while his guitarist makes the last few tweaks to his acoustic guitar. I wonder, *Can they really pull off a tune like 'This Love' with this setup?*
The guitar strums and Adam looks down at the

carpet moving to and fro in sync with the sound and then looks up and emits a perfect pitch, crystal-clear voice. No sound engineer or microphone or anything but pure talent. He hits the highs looking at the ceiling and drops his eyes to the floor for the lows and almost as if by accident occasionally makes eye contact to notice that people are watching him.
Then, the last strum and silence for a second followed by applause. Adam smiles. He nods and says nothing. He has no need to say anything. He entertains a few questions, answering with a calm, assured voice. He looks only at the person to whom he is talking and is not prone to small talk. He sings one more song with, once again, pitch-perfect clarity and then smiles and says thanks.
He sits and sips water and takes a few pictures with fans as they file out of the small room. You know he won't be there long, but not from his body language. His kind of cool never stays in one place for too long.



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I heard of about 20 different parties over the two weekends before Halloween. Most of them were cancelled because of the fires.

The first weekend, I had intended on going to four of the parties but only made it to two.

The first was in El Cajon. Two things blew me away as I pulled up: a beautiful maroon Corvette in the driveway and the house, with its elaborate Halloween decorations.

The garage resembled a disco, with colored strobe lights and skulls hanging from the garage door.

The side yard had several tombstones. There were spiders in webs everywhere. The living room had fog lights and a mock autopsy was being performed on the dining room table. There were sound effects that you'd hear in a haunted house.

The side deck had more skulls and decorations, but there was nobody out there.

The back yard, which you had to take stairs to get to, was decorated in a pirate theme. It



looked as if you were walking through a *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie set.

I got there early, and there were only a handful of people. Vikki was getting her costume and makeup on. There was a muscular bald guy in a white T-shirt. I told him he reminded

"Be careful. If a cannon ball fires, it can put an eye out."

me of one of those strongmen from the circus. He said he's told that he looks like Mr. Clean.

A few guests were dressed as pirates. When one started



Top left: Woman who brought her own crystal ball

Bottom right: Demonstrating the ease of shooting Jell-O in syringes

messing with a cannon I said, "Be careful. If a cannon ball fires, it can put an eye out." He said, "I'm fixing the fog that's

There was a skeleton floating in the pool and a tent set up at the other end of the pool. When I walked inside the tent, there was a head in a crystal ball that would tell you a fortune. I said to the person next to me, "They should've put a Magic 8 Ball in here too. It would be fun to hear her fortune and then ask the 8 ball to see if they match up." She said, "Don't those things only say things like, 'It's quite possible?'"

There was a naked mermaid lying by the pirates, and someone said, "Vikki spent hours putting the makeup on it." When she came down, I was told how much time she spent on everything. "Uh, could I borrow the mermaid for the weekend?" I asked. She laughed, but someone nearby said, "What for?" I replied, "Uh, well, I, uh...want to use the carpool lanes."

Vikki told me about searching for clothing for the pirates and jewelry purchased from thrift stores. It looked authentic in the open treasure chest. I told her she should keep the pirates up year-round because it all works with the swimming pool. She said the weather would damage everything. I asked her if the trick-or-treating kids would come through. "No. This is just for the adults."

Her brothers and husband helped her set everything up. I met Vikki's husband an hour later, as he was busy transforming into the evil clown "Pennywise" from a Stephen

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I realized I had gone to a lot of costume parties as I repeated jokes I'd used in the past, such as telling a couple in robes that they did that because they can just jump in bed when they get home. The guy with the referee shirt I said worked at Footlocker.

Someone brought Jell-O shots that were like nothing I had seen — pineapple-flavored shots in syringes. When the "nurse" handed me one, I found this to be the easiest way to eat Jell-O shots. I pushed it right into my mouth.

Another couple heard me talking about how it sucked that kids wouldn't see the decor. They said, "We had done an elaborate set-up like this for 11 years. We'd have 12 people working it. And kids wouldn't even stop for their candy. We would always judge how successful it was by candy on the street in our cul-de-sac. I'd jump out with a chainsaw running after they thought it was all over. They'd run out of there and drop everything."

One couple was admiring the pirate jewels. I said, "Yeah, even pirates like a little bling." Just as I was finishing that sentence, smoke shot out of the cannon and scared me.

I almost fell in the pool. The guy said, "Just be glad a real cannon ball didn't shoot out of there."

I found out most of this crowd was in the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego, which, I was told, is the oldest Corvette club in the U.S. It started in 1956.

I asked one guy about his Corvette, but he said that he had three.

A couple named Peg and Charles told me about their 2005 Corvette. I asked if that was their only one. They had three of the sports cars as well. Another person told me that the DMV wouldn't allow him to get 666 on the license plate for his black 'Vette. I

saw it outside. The plate had "6six6."

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The second party was in Santee. A band in the back yard was playing "Born to Be Wild" as I walked in. There was a bongo player who sang the vocals to "Keep Your Hands to Yourself." During another song, he played a cowbell the entire time. When they finished, I yelled, "Less cowbell," since everyone always yells "More cowbell" from the *SNL* skit.

The previous party had a crowd in their 40s. This crowd was mostly in their 20s, and the costumes reflected that. A lot of the women were showing skin. The guys were wearing the usual costumes: Beetle-juice, Jack Sparrow, a firefighter, a *Reno 911* cop. I wondered why nobody got creative from current news events. Maybe someone as Senator Craig, a toilet seat attached to them. When I saw a Napoleon Dynamite, which you see a lot of, I wondered why nobody did

the geek character McLovin from *Superbad*. Someone there asked me how I'd do that costume. I said you could have a fake ID, geeky glasses, and a McDonald's shirt changed to say "McLovin."

The back yard was packed, which meant several smacks in the face from a sombrero one guy was wearing or angel wings on a woman.

This party had one thing I'd never seen at a Halloween party before — strippers. They had *Ultimate Fighting* on in the living room when one woman said, "Turn this off. It's time for boobs." I wasn't sure what that meant and retreated to the kitchen where I talked with a priest (a fake one, I assumed). Two strippers in the living room started dancing for a guy who was sitting on the couch. Apparently, it was his birthday. The priest said to the crowd, "It looks like you guys are sinning." The women had their clothes off in no time. A

drunk girl in the crowd had given one of them money and said, "That was a waste of \$40," and then she walked away. I watched for a few minutes before going back outside to listen to the band. I overheard one couple fighting. The guy said to his wife, "You just don't want me to go in their and watch the strip show." She said, "No, it's not that. I want to watch them, too."

The band finished their set, and I grabbed a cupcake before talking to them. One of them said, "The crowd didn't seem into it, did they?"

I said, "That might not have as much to do with your performance as it does with the performance going on in the living room." ■

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“The Faith which still exists is to be found more often in a theater than in a church.”

Born in 1847, Bram Stoker grew up near Dublin, Ireland, next to a cemetery for suicides. According to local folk legend, people who took their lives resided, like ghosts, somewhere between life and death, between here and the “other side.” Some say young Stoker played amid the marble markers, reading epitaphs and making up creepy stories about the undead rising from below.

Ghoulish Bram’s the standard picture. But he always claimed to have “a sound mind in a sound body.” And that his great love was theater (“the Faith which still exists,” he wrote in 1898, “is to be found more often in a theater than in a church”). He loved it so much he reviewed plays for the *Dublin Mail* for free. He spent many years as actor-manager for legendary Henry Irving, doing PR, play-doctoring, scheduling appearances, and writing an estimated 50 letters a day in Irving’s name.

North Coast Rep’s *Dracula* sides with the latter Stoker. Directed by Christopher Vened, the production favors theatricality to camp or over-the-top attempts at hair-raising. Some of the most memorable images are stage-wide tapestries, as when Renfield’s breaking out of his straitjacket, while two vampires attack innocent Jonathan Harker, and Lucy, backlit by lightning, longs for the arrival of her fang-toothed beau.

In this ensemble concept, the characters are so close to their secret lives and “hidden” selves,

and so sexually starved, they might not need the Count to turn them loose. The ripeness is already there.

Steven Dietz’s adaptation, which tries to replicate almost the entire novel, has lulled the cast doesn’t overcome (a problem with staging *Dracula*: the audience is always way ahead of the story). But the performances are of consistent quality. Sean Sullivan’s Renfield’s a caged Hannibal Lecter on steroids; even before she succumbs, Christy Yael’s graceful, driven Lucy moves like a restless gymnast. Jason Heil’s Harker and Brenda Dodge’s Mina nicely reveal Victorian propriety coming apart at the synapses.

Matt Thompson’s Count, and this is probably directorial, is a super-seducer in control — and once he comes to London and sups fresh blood, even more so. But a subtext runs through the book that Thompson could underscore: *Dracula*’s cursed. Beneath his sensuality he’s a slave to needs. Each day repeats the one before, for hundreds of years, maybe forever, or at least as long as humans walk the planet. He “fears time,” fears “want,” and at play’s end, a character says “his misery is the saddest of all.”

The night I caught *Dracula*, the best moment was unplanned. Two-thirds through the first act, a woman in the second row had severe difficulties breathing. The show stopped. The audience went outside for about 15 minutes, then came

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Christopher M. Williams, Jason Heil, Christy Yael, Robert Grossman in *Dracula*

Dracula, by Stephen Dietz, adapted from the Bram Stoker novel

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The Frogs, by Aristophanes, co-adapted by Marianne McDonald and J. Michael Walton

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back in (a paramedic said the woman was okay). The stage manager announced that the cast would go back two minutes in the script and begin from there.

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Athens is in crisis. It has no great living writer. Aeschylus is gone, same with Sophocles. Now Euripides, the comic playwright, has died. The city has no poetic voice, only hacks. So, in Aristophanes' play *The Frogs*,



The Frogs

Dionysus disguises himself as Hercules, lion's mane and skin, loads down his servant Xanthias with luggage and journeys to Pluto's Court in Hades. He'll

bring back the best deceased Greek writer. Question is: who wears the laurel — Aeschylus or Euripides? Dionysus conducts an underworld Battle of

the Poets to find out not who's best, it turns out, but who will best serve the state.

The Theatre, Inc., opened its intimate new space with a spirited, though uneven, staging of *Frogs*. The production has inventive ideas, such as Charon, underworld ferryman, rowing the S.S. *Styx*. But many need tightening. A chorus of "Frog Divas" hopping around in lime-green outfits is a kick. But too often they, and other cast members, stress business over vocal clarity and garble Marianne McDonald and J. Michael Walton's witty, often rhyming adaptation (the theater may contribute here; sound appears to climb straight up). Other extended comic bits, including a rap number, tend to sprawl and slow the pace.

Highpoints include co-director Douglas Lay's tipsy performance as Dionysus (rightfully more fragile human than impervious Greek god), Fred Harlow's physical shenanigans as Xanthias, and Michael Nieto in multiple roles. Aristotle thought most comedy was vulgar, especially the scatological works of Aristophanes, who never met a bodily function he wouldn't exploit. For its inaugural production the Theatre, Inc., makes a mission statement with *The Frogs*. Throughout it honors the playwright's delight in bargain-basement low comedy. In doing so, the company

declares that it won't play safe or sweep infelicities under the welcome mat. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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The Reduced Shakespeare Company, which speed-read the Bard's works, and the Great Books, sprints through the Good Book ("the greatest story ever accepted as fact") in two hours. Dominic Conti, Michael Falkner, and Jerry Kernion begin wearing fig leaves and sing "In the Beginning Blues." They conclude with "Revelation: The Musical," singing "That's Armageddon." In between — including a lengthy audience-participation bit less funny than the other material — they pay irreverent

homage to Old and New Testament figures. Moses, for example, talks Yahweh from 20 commandments down to 10 (the bad news: "adultery's still one of them"). One of the rejected commandments: "Thou shalt not fire a head coach after a 14-2 season." Topical references like this spice the show. Also, the trio's adept at ad libs (a word to the dilatory: don't be late or they'll salvo you with one-liners and, at one point, a water pistol). Backed by a drop showing Michelangelo's extended Sistine index fingers, they perform in pajamas, sandals, and props (Abraham wears a stovepipe hat; Pontius Pilate wears a pilot's goggles; a hatchet becomes the "ax of the Apostles"). The show's often quite funny, though not without groaners and goofy wordplay, as in "No way!" "Yah...way!" And "Many are cold, but few are frozen."

Worth a try.

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Blithe Spirit

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A Catered Affair

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emotions hyper-real (it's one of the, if not the, year's best directorial jobs and hard to imagine the play in other hands). At first, Fierstein plays himself, which creates crossed-purposes: will the play be a star vehicle or an ensemble piece? As the play proceeds he pulls back and in the end sings "Coney Island," a wisdom song about how to take a leap of faith, unforgettably.

Critic's pick.

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Doubt

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Dracula

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The Frogs

Reviewed this issue. THE ARK THEATRE, 899 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-216-3016.

Humble Boy

Felix Humble, 35-year-old, socially bumbling astrophysicist, shares three things with Hamlet: their fathers died suddenly, they are blocked, and they must "set things right." You don't have to know *Hamlet* to appreciate Charlotte Jones's wise, funny

winner of several London awards. And it may have been better if New Village Arts' in many ways capable production had left the Bard alone. Often the cast appears to have *Hamlet* in the back of their minds, which makes for double motivations and some confusions in the story. *Humble Boy*'s more about the differences between the plays (*Hamlet* and Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* function as side-texts, added dimensions lurking in the wings, rather than subtexts). Felix has enough grief sorting out his own woes. His is a (s)mothered soul. In Darren Scott's touching, breakthrough performance, Felix begins the slow process of inching away from his mother's dominance. Rosina Reynolds gives a sharp, watchable effort as Flora, the mother. The play's about letting go: not just of loved ones but also of ingrained impulses. Neither Flora nor Felix may make it, but they've taken their first steps. Quibbles aside, the NVA production's worth seeing — especially a running bit you could call "follow the dead father's bouncing ashes."



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An Ideal Husband

Oscar Wilde built his comedy on an inversion: instead of a man putting a woman on a pedestal, Lady Gertrude Chiltern holds her husband, Sir Robert, to the highest standard, not knowing he has a past and lives each minute in fear of public exposure (as Wilde penned the play, he was headed for three court trials that would do everything to him that Sir Robert feared). The comedy has several Dorian Grays, including Sir Robert and Mrs. Cheveley, who blackmails him and who, when her mask comes off, is “dreadful to look at.” Lamb’s Players production could be funnier (epigrammatic one-liners get thrown away) with higher stakes but is enjoyable and elegant looking: Jeanne Reith’s costumes, embroidered silks and hats with enough feathers for an aviary; Mike Buckley’s

minimalist set with tall flowers like sculptures. Deborah Gilmour Smyth plays Mrs. Cheveley believable with an apt smidgen of melodramatic villainy. Robert Smyth’s Chiltern is one of his best performances in years. When Cheveley blackmails him, he doesn’t collapse. But his mask, which up to now we didn’t know he wore, begins to show. Wilde wrote himself into the “flawless dandy” Lord Goring (some say an idealized portrait). Rick D. Meads matches the playwright’s sculpted lines with well-spoken deliveries and delights in having — possibly one of Wilde’s most autobiographical utterances — “one of those terribly weak natures that are not susceptible to influence.” Worth a try.

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Welk Resort Theatre presents the San Diego premiere of a new musical based on the melodies of the 1954 movie, including “Blue Skies,” “Happy Holidays,” and the title song. Jon Engstrom directed and choreographed.

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CEMBER 30; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

Jersey Boys

Broadway*San Diego presents the Tony Award-winner, which originated at the La Jolla Playhouse, about Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Des McAnuff directed. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, THIRD AVENUE AND B STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 888-937-8995.

The Magic Fire

Moonlight State Productions offers Lillian Groag’s memory play about a family of immigrants caught in Juan Perón’s fascist regime. Kathy Brombacher directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if gone competitively. He got

the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improve. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play “Emotional Sympathy,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET. MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Night of the Iguana

OnStage Playhouse presents Tennessee Williams’s drama about a defrocked Episcopal priest battling demons without and within. David Meredith directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-

DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Punks

Ion Theatre stages a reinvention of *The Maids* by Jean Genet. Set in present-day New York, the piece raises questions about “class struggle, the stigma of prostitution, and our destructive fascination with youth, vanity, and celebrity culture.” Glenn Paris directed. ION THEATRE, ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, EAST MISSION VALLEY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, THROUGH DECEMBER 15; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-374-6894.

St. Nicholas

Takes one to know one. The unnamed narrator of Conor McPherson’s comedy-drama is a self-important, blood-sucking “hack” theater critic who lusts for power — for which attitude, may he roast in hell. Instead (and like the 90-minute piece, at times) he rambles toward a beautiful woman and eventually to William, a vampire. As if to the manner born, the narrator procures plasma for William’s nightly fix. Disillusionment ensues. Though the parts may be greater than the sum, McPherson’s writing has bursts of creativity. Plus, he’s an equal-opportunity slanderer: as anti-critic as he is anti-timid audiences who eavesdrop on art from the safety of their seats (at one point he savages his listeners for ignoring the higher truths revealed not only in fiction but in their own imaginations). Along with *The Turn of the Screw*, *St. Nicholas* is part of Cygnet Theatre’s “Ghosts and Vampires Series,” which emphasizes storytelling, and Ron Choularton does a smashing job as the narrator. He sits, mostly, sipping from a pint of Guinness, and it’s as if you’re in some British pub hearing a lush hold forth, and at no point are you aware that Choularton’s actually speaking someone else’s words. He and the text, throughout, are one. Also to his credit, Choularton is unafraid to expose the narrator’s smarmier aspects. The actor gives himself wholly over to the narrator who, as Dickens says in *Hard Times*, is a “sordid piece of human nature.”

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 10. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

San Diego Theatresports:
The Funhouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*, The Funhouse combines improv with competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the “game show,” on Fridays, is a kick. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The winner gets a banana, the loser a “forfeit.” (Some attempts went nowhere (improve is tough: I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group has more hits than misses, and their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve read about making theater. They put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA. FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

Side by Side by Sondheim

Coronado Playhouse and Greene Music present the revue of Stephen Sondheim’s earlier music from *Gypsy*, *West Side Story*, and *A*

Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Daniel Logan directed.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

The Swallow (La Rondine)

Lyric Opera of San Diego presents the local premiere of Giacomo Puccini’s only operetta. NORTH PARK THEATRE, UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND 29TH STREET, NORTH PARK, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-239-8836.

Triple Espresso: A Highly
Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternut’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. The story line’s straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio’s so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show.

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

The Turn of the Screw

Henry James said the best way to write a ghost story is to conjure the ones in readers’ minds. Jeffrey Hatcher’s stage adaptation of James’ creepy, densely atmospheric novella doesn’t do that. James said the story’s apparitions are real (not ghosts, he wrote, but “goblins, imps, demons”). Hatcher’s version stresses the mind of the Governess, called the Woman, and whether the evil specters are real to her. This makes for more psychological than white-knuckle theater. Cygnet Theatre’s production, part of a story theater showcase with Conor McPherson’s *St. Nicholas*, closes the ghost-gap with Eric Lotze’s excellent lighting: degrees of darkness and shrouded faces with moving shadows, as if demonic possession were underway. Amy Biedel gives the Woman a beautifully spoken, musical voice choked by atonal fears (which, Biedel deftly suggests, could be all in her head). David Tierney, too long from a local stage, plays several characters, and British accents, all to good effect. Ably directed by Janet Hayatshahi, Biedel and Tierney often make abrupt shifts, slow dances, and head-to-head, impassioned interior monologues — precisely choreographed moves that, performed on Sean Murray’s plaster and lumber, Tudor set, add to the production’s otherworldly aura.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

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Thanksgiving in the Ashes

My heart goes out to all who will have to give thanks for their lives and families in restaurants this year instead of at home, as a result of the fires.

For whatever the reason, more and more people are choosing to eat Thanksgiving dinners out, so as usual, it's best to get your reservations in ASAP. The fancier the destination, the longer ahead you need to stake your claim. (Many top restaurants are already fully booked, and many require a credit card number, which will be charged if you're a no-show.) Save this article if you're looking ahead: Most restaurants open on T-Day are likely also to serve on Christmas Eve or Day, ditto New Year's, Easter, Mother's Day, etc.

As a result of the fires, many restaurants were not able to give complete plans for hours and prices in time for our deadline. Please call for any missing information. Restaurants are arranged by geographical area; you need not drive long distances while drowsy. I haven't eaten at all of them, so caveat emptor. The list includes numerous community favorites where the warm feeling is as much a draw as the fare. If there's nothing listed in your area or you're planning on a nearby getaway, nearly all large hotels, resorts, and gambling casinos unaffected by the fires offer Thanksgiving dinners, often as buffets. If you're in a restaurant-starved region, several suburban "family-style" chains (Boston Market, Marie Callender's, Mimi's, et al.) will also be serving a holiday menu of their customary quality.

Prices quoted below do not include tip, tax, or beverages unless so noted. "Kiddie prices" generally apply to children from 5-12; toddlers usually eat free. While most prices are for multicourse meals or all-you-can-eat buffets, a few buy only well-laden entrée plates.

Take-Home Fare

Enjoying ready-made feasts at home is a growing option. Choices range from buying side dishes and desserts, to purchasing a turkey that's more savory than a supermarket-roasted bird, on up to taking home the entire meal. The following places are all known for good cooking:

Barnes BBQ, 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. BYO Bird: Tote a fully thawed raw turkey to the BBQ, and they'll



smoke-cook it for you for \$1.25 per pound. You can pick it up on Wednesday, along with sides of cornbread, pies, veggies, etc. Call November 16-18 to reserve your smoking time.

Estancia (see La Jolla). Full turkey feast to go, whole bird serving 8-10 for \$120, half-bird serving 4-7 for \$70, extra pies \$15 each. Order by noon November 18, pick up on T-day before 3:00 p.m.

Four Seasons Resort Aviara (see North Coast). Full feasts to go (10-15 pounds) \$250 to serve 4-8, \$408 for 7-10. Pick up on T-Day. Call 72 hours ahead.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort (see South Bay). "Turkey to Go" full dinner for five is \$175; for 7, \$225. Reserve 48 hours in advance.

Magnolias, Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid Avenue (off Market Street), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. No turkeys this year, but you can pick up sweet-potato pies, fruit cobblers, and side dishes to go. Call a few days ahead to reserve the pastries, and pick up all items on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving.

Mardi Gras Café & Marketplace, 3185 Mid-

way Drive, Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. Cajun-style marinated deep-fried turkey, \$5 per pound (\$4 per pound if you bring a thawed bird), pick up on Wednesday or early Thursday morning. Order up to a week before. They can also furnish Louisiana-style side dishes.

Pamplemousse (see North Coast). Gourmet takeout T-Day dinners for six people or more are available from this famed destination. Call for details. Order at least 48 hours ahead. **St. Tropez Bakery & Bistro**, locations in Encinitas, Rancho Bernardo, Hillcrest, Horton Plaza, and Little Italy, call 858-404-0642 to order. You can get the whole megillah, including roast free-range turkey to feed 8-10 for \$199, or to feed 12-15 at \$299, with all the trimmings and choice of house-baked pies. Turkey and/or sides also available separately. Order 72 hours in advance, pick up Wednesday or Thursday at the nearest location, or get delivery for \$50 more.

Savory (see North Coast). Order up a roasted turkey dinner serving 10-12. Call for price and menu. Phone at least 72 hours ahead to reserve your feast.

Eat-Out Feasts

North Coast and Gold Coast

Addison, Grand Del Mar, 5200 Grand Del Mar Way, Del Mar, 858-369-6032. New luxury restaurant, four courses \$105, five courses \$120 (no kiddie prices), noon-7:00 p.m.

Bellefleur, Carlsbad Company Stores, 5610 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-603-1919. Buffet \$40, \$13 kids, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Chart House, 2588 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-436-4044. Regular à la carte menu, turkey entrée \$25, kids \$10, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Dining Room at the Inn, the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1131. Champagne buffet in beautiful setting \$60, kids \$24, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Encinitas Café, 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. Full turkey dinner including dessert about \$14, 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773 for all restaurants. Argyle Cafe (on golf course) 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., and California Bistro 11:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Champagne buffet \$85, kids \$42.50. Vivace Restaurant, deluxe four-course menu with many choices \$110, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Karl Strauss Brewery and Restaurant, 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739. Regular à la carte menu, 11:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, La Costa, 760-438-9111. Legends: buffet \$65, kids \$33, plus 20 percent gratuity, 11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Blue Fire Grill: buffet \$60, kids \$25, plus 20 percent gratuity, 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Mille Fleurs, 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. Three-course dinner by renowned chef Martin Woesle. Call for hours and exact price (about \$60). Reserve ASAP, this one always fills up early.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Highway 101), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Champagne brunch buffet in a historic Victorian seaside mansion (under new ownership) \$40, kids \$25, little kids \$15, under 3, \$4, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Traditional Thanksgiving dinner à la carte, \$21 or less, 3:00 p.m.-midnight.

Pacifica Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Three-course dinner, choice of entrées, \$36-\$47, kids \$16, noon-9:00 p.m.

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Paradise Grill, Flower Hill Mall, 2690 Via de la Valle (at I-5 off-ramp), Del Mar, 858-350-0808. Four-course menu \$39, à la carte kiddie menu, 1:00–8:00 p.m.

Poseidon, 1670 Coast Boulevard (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. Fixed-price sit-down menu with ocean view \$40–\$50, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Red Tracton's, 550 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-755-6600. Traditional Thanksgiving dinner \$21 per person; whole turkey carved at table for \$33 per person (\$27 kids) for tables of four or more (reserve five days ahead), 2:00–9:00 p.m.

Savory, 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef Pascal Vignau's three-course meal with choice of entrées \$37.50–\$43, noon–8:00 p.m., or à la carte meals, 3:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Silks, Del Mar Hilton, 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, 858-764-6060. Brunch, call for hours and prices.

North Inland:

Bernard O, 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho

Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Live music, lovely room with live dinner jazz, three-course dinner with choice of entrée \$20–\$29, regular kiddie menu available, 1:30–7:00 p.m.

Café Champagne, Thornton Winery, 32575 Rancho California Road, Temecula, 951-699-0088. Choice of entrées, appetizers, desserts \$45, kids \$20, noon–5:00 p.m.

Centre City Cafe, 2680 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-489-6011. Informal atmosphere, affordable (\$10–\$15 and under). À la carte holiday choices including turkey entrée, 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Gordon's on the Green, Lake San Marcos Resort, 1750 San Pablo Drive, Lake San Marcos, 760-744-9385. Buffet \$27, kids under 10, \$12, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

The Quail Inn Dining Room, 1035 La Bonita Drive, Lake San Marcos, 760-744-2445. Buffet in scenic resort \$36, kids \$18, 12:30–6:30 p.m. Family-style sit-down dinners in the Lakeside Room (with lake view), same prices and times.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. Ballroom champagne buffet brunch \$48, kids \$25 to age 14, a famously lavish spread, 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Veranda Bar and Grille, 858-675-8555, three-course meal \$42, kids \$25, 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. El Bizcocho, 858-675-8550, four courses \$68 adult, \$105 with matching wines, kids \$25,

2:00–8:00 p.m.

Rancho Valencia, 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Four-course meal with several entrée choices in beautiful surroundings, price TBA (about \$75), kids half-price, noon–7:30 p.m.

Temet Grill, Temecula Creek Inn, 44501 Rainbow Canyon Road, Temecula, 951-694-1000. Buffet \$43, kids \$18, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Wild Animal Park, Nairobi Pavilion, 760-738-5155 (call 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). Buffet dinner \$30, kids \$18, noon–4:00 p.m. Reservations required. Free entry to park for members; non-members must pay regular admission.

La Jolla and Golden Triangle:

Arterra, San Diego Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-369-6032. Three-course prix-fixe dinner \$55, kids \$15, noon–6:00 p.m.

A.R. Valentien, Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. Chef Jeff Jackson's three-course holiday dinner \$75, kids \$30, noon–9:00 p.m.

Estancia La Jolla, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-550-1000. Chef Jesse Frost (formerly of Prince of Wales) presides over a champagne brunch buffet \$45, kids \$25, 11:00–3:00 p.m.; dinner 5:30–3:00 p.m.

George's at the Cove, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. À la carte menu

of chef Trey Foshee's seasonal specials in the dining room, entrées alone \$26–\$44; more casual, moderately priced menu on the sea-view Terrace, 1:00–9:00 p.m.

Jack's La Jolla, 7863 Gerard, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. Dinner in the Ocean Room, expensive, call for prices, 3:00–7:00 p.m. Dining room sold out.

La Valencia Hotel, Mediterranean Room and Whaling Room, 1132 Prospect Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-454-0771. Four-course dinner \$72, kids \$32.50, seatings at 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. (later seatings sold out). Sky Room probably sold out.

Marine Room, 2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-7222. Chef Bernard Guillas's à la carte holiday menu with a close-up ocean view and adventurous cuisine, expensive (turkey entrée \$32), noon–7:00 p.m.

Nine-Ten, Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb rides the range at a four-course Thanksgiving menu with a choice of entrées \$65 (\$90 with matched wines), kids \$19, 2:00–8:00 p.m.

The Shores, Sea Lodge, 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. Family-friendly seaside atmosphere, buffet \$41, kids aged 7–12, \$19; under 6, \$3 per year, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Torreyana Grille, Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Lavish holiday buffet \$55 includes glass of

champagne, kids \$18, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Beaches:

The Atoll, Catamaran Resort Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-539-8635. Buffet brunch \$47, kids \$20, 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Buffet dinner \$35, kids \$14, 6:00–10:00 p.m. (Note: no catamaran cruise this year.)

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach, 858-539-7635. Champagne brunch buffet in ballroom \$37, kids \$19, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Dinner in hotel restaurant \$29, kids \$18, 5:30–10:30 p.m. (Note: no catamaran cruise this year.)

Baleen, Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road, Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Brunch buffet in charming resort setting \$65, kids \$28, noon–7:00 p.m.

Bali Hai, 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-222-1181. Family ambience, traditional buffet \$32, kids \$17, age 7 and under \$9, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Blue Pearl Restaurant, the Dana on Mission Bay, 1770 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay, 619-222-4198. Marina view, three courses with choice of entrée \$13–\$24, kids \$11 for entrée only, noon–8:00 p.m.

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Island Prime, 800 Harbor Island Drive, 619-298-6802. Chef Deborah Scott's three-course menu \$45, kids \$20, two-hour time limit for eating, \$100 credit card deposit for reservations, 1:00–7:00 p.m.

Jordan (JRDN), 4551 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. Four-course oceanside dinner with choice of entrée ranging from turkey to Maine lobster \$45–\$77, kids \$TBA, 1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

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Nick's at the Beach, 809 Thomas Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-1730. Full feast on into the night \$16, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m. (Yes, that late.)

Nick's at the Pier, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, 619-222-7437. Sit-down dinner \$18, kids \$TBA, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m.

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Butcher Shop Steakhouse, 5255 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-2272. Holiday buffet \$28, kids \$14, noon–8:00 p.m.
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Tickled Trout, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 2151 Hotel Circle South, 619-291-6505. Price low/moderate, call for hours and details.
Valley Kitchen, Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Full holiday dinner, inexpensive. Call for details.

Metropolitan San Diego:
Antique Row Cafe, 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 282-9750. Serving 6:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., call for menu and prices (moderate).
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Buster's Beach House, 807 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. Waterfront location, à la carte menu, call for prices and hours.
Cafe Pacifica, 2414 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-6666. À la carte holiday menu including turkey entrée \$19, kids' plates \$5–\$10, 5:00–10:00 p.m.
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McCormick and Schmick's, Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at

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Molly's Restaurant, Marriott Hotel, 333 West Harbor Drive (at Front Street), downtown, 619-230-8909. Four courses with choice of entrée (including vegetarian) \$55, kids \$25, including parking, 2:00–7:00 p.m.
Ole Madrid, 751 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-557-0146. Turkey or lobster entrée \$12, available from noon onward. Brunch 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., dinner 2:00–10:00 p.m.
Quarter Kitchen, Ivy Hotel, 600 F Street at Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-814-1000. À la carte dinner, turkey entrée \$24, 5:30–11:00 p.m.
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Coronado and South Bay:
Coronado Boathouse 1887, 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. All-you-can-eat dinner with choice of entrée \$35, kids \$25, 2:00–8:00 p.m.
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Q : Why is 6 afraid of 7?
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Yuk yuk. I think of that joke every time I come down here between Sixth and Seventh Avenues, to this block of quick-lunch eateries that have sprouted around the financial district. Hmm. Looking for something beyond your standard sandwich shop. And, aha! Just below Body Works, a second-floor gym on Seventh, a menu for Le Cake Chateau stops me in two words.

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"Croque Monsieur."
Ever since I was 13, when my daddy introduced me to it, I've been searching for the perfect *croque* to match that first.

Must say, this place looks classy. Maybe too classy. It's sandy stucco outside, with nice scrolled black metal lettering and a maroon canopy. Inside, the display cabinet has beautiful golden, flaky croissants, plus other cool-looking pastries. The brown-and-orange walls go nicely with big green floor tiles, green marble bistro-size tables, and solid dark-wood chairs. Blue-painted roof tiles overhang the kitchen area, and a fluffy-cloud sky's been painted onto the ceiling.

The place is buzzing. But the first thing you notice is Humberto's voice from the cash register near the back. "Grilled chicken Caesar wrap? It's a grilled chicken breast, Parmesan cheese, romaine lettuce, and homemade Caesar dressing wrapped in a tomato-basil tortilla, \$7.25. You'll love it. Yes. See Mama back there? She'll make it. We're all family here."

Humberto's taking the orders. He handles the line of customers like a tennis kid facing a ball machine. "Monterrey Club croissant? Oh sure. It'll fill you. We stuff it with Black Forest ham, turkey breast, Monterrey cheese, and mayo. It's \$6.75."

I get in line. Gal in front of me's talking into

her cell. "Dude, you're so not the boss anymore." I check the menu, in case something could trump my *Croque Monsieur*. I mean, the *croque*'s no big deal. It's French fast food. What could be simpler than a grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich? Except the French being French have to add stuff. Like, the whole thing's supposed to be dipped into beaten egg and sautéed in butter. And you can add a Mornay sauce to the top and grill that a bit too. If they get it right, you'll die happily in an oozy, cheesy mess.

I see it on the menu now. "Croque Monsieur: Black Forest ham and cheddar cheese sandwich lightly grilled with egg and pan fried, \$6.75."

Yes, I'm tempted by things like the chicken-and-mushroom *crêpe* "filled with chicken, mushrooms, and spinach" and topped with a creamy sauce or cheese for \$7.50. Or the onion roll loaded with marinated mushrooms, roasted peppers, caramelized onions, goat cheese, and "caper mayo." Mmm. That's top price on this menu: \$7.75.

But history wins out. It's *croque* or croak. I order it and a (refillable) coffee (\$1.45).

It's good. But different. More like a loose toasted sandwich than the sauced grilled-bread clamshell I expected. The nice eggbread is brushed with more egg, but lightly done, and loosely loaded with beef-like ham, served with French fries on the side. It's certainly fresh and filling, even if it's not quite like my memory of Daddy's time.

"Good food has to have good desserts!" calls a gal from the kitchen.

"That's my sister Dorian," says Humberto. "She really runs the place. My brother Francisco is the pastry chef. My mom Margarita does the main cooking. She does each order from scratch, each time."

Margarita waves from the kitchen. Turns out she was once married to a Frenchman. Guess we're seeing his cooking influence here. I notice a gal clinking bottles of wine about. French wine, too. "Another sister?" I ask Humberto.

"No," says the gal. "I'm Gina. I do the wines." Gina comes from Romania. She says a glass of French would cost around \$5 "and up." Altogether, the whole family and Gina create a nice talky, warm atmosphere. You want to linger, even though it seems like everyone else is here to chomp, chat, and fly.

Well, not all. "Orchestra members often come after rehearsal across at Symphony Hall," says Humberto. "Jahja Ling's always in. And the mayor, he sits here, at table number two. He loves our English-Irish scones. And our tuna salad (the tuna salad sandwich with water chestnuts and cheddar is \$7.25)."

I'm thinking about Dorian's offer for desserts. The chocolate truffle looks good, the *sacher* looks great — chocolate cake with "raspberry marmalade." So does the carrot cake with "pineapple raisins" — whatever da heck they are — plus walnuts and cream cheese. Or a wicked-looking chocolate-topped cake called Opera Torte. All slices cost \$3.95.

"Yeah, but what do all the health freaks from Body Works eat when they come in hungry?" I ask.

Humberto's ready for this. He flashes out yet another menu card from under the counter. "Le Cake Chateau 'Lean for Life' menu. "We did



Humberto

this with Body Works," he says. The menu even counts the calories. The Greek omelet (\$6.95) has 499, the veggie omelet (\$6.95) has 340. The almond ahi salad (\$8.25) has 233.

I decide to hang fire on the *gâteaux* until I can come back with Carla and maybe have a glass of that Beaujolais with it. Après-symphony snack, perhaps? Sigh. We can but dream. ■

The Place: Le Cake Chateau, 1152 Seventh Avenue, downtown, 619-325-0977

Type of Food: Light French and sandwich food

Prices: Breakfast *crêpes* with, e.g., blueberries and sweet cream cheese, \$5.95; eggs Benedict, \$5.95; *croque monsieur*, \$6.75; grilled chicken Caesar wrap, \$7.25; Monterrey club croissant (with ham, turkey, Monterrey cheese), \$6.75; chicken-and-mushroom *crêpe*, \$7.50; portobello mushrooms, roasted peppers, caramelized onions, goat cheese on onion roll, \$7.75; tuna-salad sandwich with water chestnuts, cheddar, \$7.25; special lo-calorie Greek omelet, \$6.95; veggie omelet, \$6.95; almond ahi salad, \$8.25; chocolate truffle dessert, carrot cake with "pineapple raisins," opera torte, other desserts, \$3.95 slice

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Courtney Cochran wants to be Sommelier to the Millennials, the voice of wine to her recently legal generation — children of the Boomers for whom wine is isn't so much a lifestyle choice as it is what you drink with dinner. She gets that industries these days need personalities, people like Martha Stewart and Rachael Ray, luminaries to guide us along the path. She's not likely to dazzle you with her skill at tasting and scoring, à la Robert Parker, nor to amaze you with her insight and erudition, à la Jancis Robinson. It's not that she can't detect notes of tar or that she doesn't understand Italian appellations; it's that dazzling you with expertise is not what she wants. What she wants is to be your trusted friend, a fun-loving peer who's happy to help out when you've got a question about wine, always ready to suggest some new, fun thing. She doesn't want to be a critic or a teacher; she wants to be a brand.

Of course, becoming a brand does mean teaching people a thing or two, and before that, a certain amount of learning. You don't get to be the voice of wine just by holding a glass and smiling. So Cochran got a sommelier certification to go along with her MBA from UCLA, and in 2005, she headed up to San Francisco. She started Your Personal Sommelier, a wine consulting business. She followed that with a blog, and by January '06, she was ready to start her events company, Hip Tastes.

Through Your Personal Sommelier, she runs tastings ("Getting to Know Merlot... All Over Again"), talks ("The New Power Players: Women and Wine"), and seminars ("Blind Tasting Technique"). She consults on restaurant wine lists.

And she works with a chef to host wine-and-food dinners in private homes. (The site is stuffed with links, articles, ideas, recommendations — not unlike a magazine.) Through Hip Tastes, she hosts wine-tasting parties, and for the genuinely curious, Saturday School. "It's my favorite thing in

terms of wine events, because everyone who's there really wants to be there. The wine parties are parties, and the people at the corporate events are usually there for some other reason — they had a meeting, and they added a wine tasting. But the people at Saturday School are my people; I keep it to groups of 12, and I'll do themes that are off the beaten path." ("Geek Wines," featuring Gruner Veltliner, Malagousia, et al.) "After folks come to three sessions, they get the fourth for free."

It's satisfying work, but it's hard to charm the world 12 people at a time. Slipping from wine-speak to business-speak without a hiccup, she says, "I'm at a point where I would love to start to scale it in ways where all of my revenue is not based on personal experience — time I've spent at events. Business is only so scalable when you

have only one person running it. I've loved the events, because I've built a loyal customer fan base, and it's put me in touch with the consumer; but it's actually pretty tiring, especially when you're doing as many events as I did. It was important to keep the momentum by having a party every month. Now I'm looking for ways to monetize what I've created."

Exhibit A: *Hip Tastes: The Fresh Guide to Wine*, Cochran's entry into the world of wine books. Her social network put her in touch with an agent, and her agent "believed in Hip Tastes and thought I could create a winning book proposal around it. Essentially, the proposal was like a 50-page marketing document, and I love that stuff. What I learned in business school is that the most important thing is, you have to prove that there is a need over and over and over again. I felt that my audience could really use a guide like mine."

Tone, of course, was key: sassy without being snarky, sprinkled with plenty of personal anecdotes. And for content, a mix of information on basics (a good pronunciation guide, plus the usual Wine 101 material) and more advanced topics (corkage etiquette). Oh, and the occasional happy surprise: things like solid, practical advice on actual wine shopping. In "Sizing Up the Smarts of the Staff," Cochran suggests asking a sales clerk the difference between *Premiere Cru* and *Grand Cru* Burgundy, or what grapes go into a Super Tuscan, or the difference in style between New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc and Sancerre. It's not a matter of playing gotcha — it's a question of how much faith you ought to put in a person's account of this or that wine. And it's not a question of snobbery — Cochran includes a bit on "Buying Wine in the Supermarket" that offers good counsel, such as seeking out unoaked whites, Chianti Riserva, and wines you already know and trust (in the supermarket, consistency is king).



From HipTastes.com

And of course, Cochran was selling more than just a book; she was selling a brand. "One of the things I talked about was the growing parallel trend in food in the U.S. Look at the Food Network, *Ratatouille* — the media is just inundated with foodie fare. I think that hasn't transferred to wine yet, but it's coming. I said in my proposal, 'Food has the Naked Chef, so where is the Naked Sommelier?' I think that was probably pretty memorable. And they really liked the fact that I had a proven following at my events — I had a track record and a fan base — what they call a platform from which to market the book." Now, she says, "The book is a great example of the way I'm extending the brand. It's a product that's completed and is now for sale. From a business point

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of view, I love that — because it's done."

Once the book was done, however, it was time for phase two: marketing the brand extension. "Penguin, my publisher, came up with a number of tour stops, but I organized a couple of the events myself — the events in Sonoma and Napa. It was important to launch the book there — it's wine country! Happily, there were venues that were thrilled to work with me, donating wine and inviting people." Her publicist at Penguin got her a mention in *Domino*, but still, says Cochran, "As a writer, you have to do a lot of your own publicity. I got a review in the *San Francisco Chronicle* that was written up by a professional acquaintance of mine who is a freelance writer. I sent the book to him, so I think the genesis of that was with me." The brand rolls on. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Belly dancing Friday and Saturday nights. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W.

El Callejon Restaurant Moonlight Plaza, 345 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference: Instead of the standard boring border foods and combo plates, it offers a long menu of genuine, zesty mainland dishes, some

with original spins on traditional themes. Shrimp *zarandeados* with a rich sauce of chilies and beef in cilantro sauce are some of the delights. There's even a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. The atmosphere offers more pleasures. At lunchtime, the dining room seems like a serene hacienda. Evenings the restaurant may turn into a rollicking community center, where multi-generational families and groups of friends fill the dining rooms and spill onto the sizable patio hidden in back. Mariachi band on Fridays and Saturdays. — N.W.

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish 'n' chips, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers, which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open weekday nights until 8 p.m. and weekend nights until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars

would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey burger. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an M.A. in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the com-

forting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember

you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa



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Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Day-times are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in corn (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — *N.W.*

LA JOLLA

A.R. Valentien The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. A superb choice for a splurge: Chef Jeff Jackson cooks up a daily changing menu of California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of peak, in-season produce and top-quality well-raised meats and wild

seafood. Not only is the food delicious and quietly inventive, but it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than at most restaurants. Note that all dishes on the "chef tasting" dinner are also available solo. The setting (a "country inn" on a golf course) is beautiful, the warren of dining rooms quiet and romantic unless packed. Validated valet parking, free self-parking; full bar with steeply priced wines, moderate-price cocktails. Reservations essential for weekend and holiday dinners. Open three meals daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," served until noon — the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like

crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B.*

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At this Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-

dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest,

619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special

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Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess "heaven." Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Sunday all-day lobster buffet. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*



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THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, “run over” between two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an “outback experience,” order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it’s the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boulevard (at Emerald), Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that’s not what keeps the customers coming in. It’s BBG’s claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from prime NZ Angus to “Bare Li’l Lamb” burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwi-land, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. California-Mediterranean comfort food with a Southern “Low Country” accent from Chef Deborah Scott; same menu lunch and dinner. Alas, the restaurant’s name also gives away its grade — the food’s okay but not spectacular, although the gorgeous heated patio at the edge of the bay does plenty to sweeten the pot. Your visiting aunt will swoon over the

view and enjoy the food. Vast wine list with plenty by the glass, wide range of prices but some steep markups; good beer list. Full bar with creative cocktails. Ample free parking. No reservations except for large parties. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. —> — *N.W.*

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue (Pacific Plaza 2 shopping center), Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus “over 150 items daily.” Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eelicious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you’re here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you’re often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he’ll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego’s most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (Seacoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they’re in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steam-

ing away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe’s from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *Ö The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB’s most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they’ll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it’s because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Saska’s 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that

tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior’s low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook’s sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant’s serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M.*

Sportsmen’s Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego’s late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the “fruits of the sea” and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They’re famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore’s casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It’s \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you’ll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for af-

ter-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; closed Monday. Low-moderate. — *N.W.*

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a “Crazy Boy” roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids’ menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB’s boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit at varnished inlaid wooden tables with lots of diagonal timbering and sexy blue lighting. It’s often crowded and noisy. Who’s gonna be picky here? You, when you’re paying twenty-some bucks for a steak. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf-n-turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. The view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Batter Up! Market Creek Plaza, 342 Euclid Avenue (at Market Street), Diamond District, 619-262-3333. Chef-owner Mel Johnson was one of the founders of the Gaslamp’s late, great Juke Joint Café. The food he serves at Batter Up! is less ambitious (so far) — but talent will tell. The food at this friendly, casual sports bar (about ten minutes from Petco via the 94) may be “pub grub,” but the cooking is serious. Fried fish, fried shrimp, thick sandwiches, and juicy Certified Angus burgers with creative dressings are well above the norm. Free parking in large lot patrolled by security guards. First timers

should request sauces (especially the house hot sauce) on the side until you know whether you like them. Fairly noisy inside (depending on what’s on TV); quiet patio outside. Beer and wine license pending. Open for lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Elaine’s Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southcrest, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine’s a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean war and Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don’t want change. So Elaine’s remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom “Hunter” omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch daily. — *E.B.*

Hawthorn’s Restaurant Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre, 2895 University (near 29th Street), North Park, 619-544-0940. When this long-standing Banker’s Hill restaurant moved to spiffy (if quite noisy) new digs here, the change proved positive in every way. Menu choices are now fewer but better, with superior ingredients including varied and seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. The kitchen now does more from scratch, and you can taste all these improvements on the plate. The fare is Mediterranean-American with Mexican touches. Most desserts outsourced. Wide-ranging wine list, full bar, corkage a reasonable \$15. Reservations recommended, especially on weekends. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Avenue (at 30th Street, across from Union Bank), North Park, 619-793-4758. The developing district around the North Park Theatre desperately needed a bakery, and Heaven Sent arrived. They produce a full range of desserts, from breakfast pastries to cookies, tarts, pies, custards, and on through fancy cakes (the Tres Leches is especially good). The style is midwestern American, solid rather than ethereal. To drink: coffee, espresso, teas, hot chocolate, Italian sodas, and fruit juice. Open daily

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Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honey-mooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. — N.W.

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining wraps with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-

sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Johnny B's 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less biting hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Lunch daily except Monday, breakfast weekends, dinner daily except Monday with early close Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. The barbecue beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. All-you-can-eat catfish Wednesdays and Fridays. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M.

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven. Also, try the house special, the

Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Lunch and dinner (with inexpensive early-bird dinner) Monday through Saturday; brunch and dinner Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open when the weather is favorable, and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Closed in the summer; other seasons, open for lunch and dinner daily (with a break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers; a few affordable wines; \$5 corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of



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lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tan-door-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakor*as (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 828 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' eight-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!" an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: coffee comes by the thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others

to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacog*os *cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sub-

lime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M.*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Boulevard (north of El Cajon Boulevard), Hillcrest, 619-298-8661. Basically a Greek deli, but charming, especially if you're into patios. Inside has painted grapes, hanging copper pans, and framed pictures of Paris cafés. The most popular dish is the lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special, with potatoes, salad, and pita — Fridays and Saturdays only — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Other good dishes include the Veggie Diabolou pita sandwich (hot and spicy), the ground beef moussaka plate (eggplant, potatoes, and béchamel sauce), Greek chicken soup and, of course, gyros. But go just to play bon vivant on the patio. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, till 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to se-

niors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or pot roast Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B.*

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Where to get a good Chinese meal after midnight? This restaurant (next to Column One's statues and fountain shop) serves meals till 2:30 a.m. Inside is typical Asian decor, including black-and-white Chinese brush paintings and carved cherry wood chairs. Their huge menu offers traditional Szechwan and Mandarin fare. The fried, pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage are delish, especially spiced with fiery Chinese mustard. The Singapore Style Rice Noodles (not often featured in Chinese restaurants) are tangled with curry, and excellent, as is the Kung Pao chicken. Also look at egg drop soup, pork chow mein, shrimp with lobster sauce, and scallion ginger chicken. Service is super quick. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Izakaya Masa 928 Fort Stockton Drive, Suite #109, Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. An *izakaya* is the Japanese equivalent of a tapas bar. The menu here includes 12 cold appetizers and 19 hot ones, along with 12 deep-fried mini-kebabs and a host of more standard dishes, plus sushi. Find adventure with the little dishes. *Chuka kurage*, superb cold jellyfish salad, is crunchy and spicy but lightly sauced, with no greasy chili-oil residue. Fried oysters (*kaki*), ethereal fried tofu in broth, and *kara-age* (spicy fried chicken) stand out among the hot appetizers. *Kushi-age*, a variety of deep-fried kebabs on bamboo skewers, are inexpensive and delicious; try the Japanese sausage. *Maguro yamakake*, a cold appetizer of raw tuna with glutinous grated mountain yam, is an advanced course in Japanese cuisine — a strenuous challenge to a Western palate. Sushi rolls are a bit creative, but not the restaurant's forte. Go for the tapas and enjoy yourself. Lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday. Dinner six nights. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest,

619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vin-daloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *pican*temari-nade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the house style — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W.*

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Avenue, Suite 110 (downstairs below street level), Hillcrest, 619-295-5560. This could be the ideal neighborhood restaurant — if you love exploring Middle Eastern cuisines. The Moroccan specialties at Kous Kous are delicious, authentic, and healthful, and the witty, entertaining staff treat you like guests at an informal dinner party. Unlike most Moroccan restaurants in the U.S., the menu is à la carte rather than prix fixe, and seating is at normal chairs and tables, not floor cushions, so you can focus on the food and not some *Arabian Nights* fantasy. Start with a lively Chutney Sampler appetizer plate of *mezze*, Moroccan style, and if *b'stila* is on the menu, don't pass up this treat of minced chicken in a cinnamon-dusted filo crust. Entrée high-

lights include Lamb Tagine, slow-braised, greasless fall-apart shanks with prunes, almonds, Moroccan seasonings and a touch of honey; and Chicken Mu'hammer, a tenderly braised half-chicken with quartered green olives and slivers of salty preserved lemons. All entrées come with lively, flawless couscous. Kebabs (filet mignon, shrimp, etc.) also come with a mixed green salad served with refreshing, lemony dressing. For dessert, housemade choices include refreshing fresh berries with orange liqueur and rosewater and a creamy crème brûlée, plus pastries from Bread & Cie. Dinner nightly. Reservations urged for weekends. Restaurant is below street level, elevator is left of the staircase to Martini's. Moderate. — *N.W.*

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours in Hillcrest. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Phil's BBQ 4030 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills, 619-688-0559. Check the lines around Phil's any lunchtime. Although Phil grills his BBQ (rather than slow-smoking it), he must be doing something right. He is: That sweet, rich rib sauce he invented is one thing. The fall-off-the-bone pork and beef is another. The sweet baked beans a third. Plus, the restaurant is a rabbit-warren that grew, but it's kid-friendly, has open wash-basins for your greasy mitts, and has paper towel rolls at every table. Ribs can be expensive, but a quarter-rib (four bones) will fill you fine. A great second-best is the BBQ sandwich with char-grilled pork shoulder. Remember: you'll get pork unless you specify beef. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. New location at 3750 Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena, 619-226-6333. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

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Saigon on Fifth 3900 Fifth Avenue (on University), Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. This is the rare local Vietnamese restaurant that emphasizes the urban, French-influenced cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Huế, rather than the ubiquitous *pho* noodle soups of the North. The list of house specialties includes many entrées you won't find elsewhere in San Diego, among them a smoked oyster omelet and a unique version of coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell. Many dishes here include honey, so the Boon (spicy noodle salad) deserves its name — a refreshing break from the sweetness. Well-chosen, reasonable wine list suits the food, as does the serene decor. Validated underground parking just north of the bank. Open daily, lunch and dinner until midnight. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Sausage King 811 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon meats, and jerky. But the German couple who runs this place does. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a really cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from home-made liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage experience. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the

real thing) — all are great with rich English beer, say, a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Breakfast weekends, lunch weekdays, and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypal Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot and spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open till midnight Monday through Thursday, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Sunday until 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D.*

Venissimo Cheese 754 W. Washington, Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. Just don't ask for Velveeta here. Everything else, they've got: sixty-plus varieties of cheese, most from Europe. But a meal? Yes. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese, fruity, moldy, runny, stinky, any cheese in the house, same price, around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it, which sells at around \$30 per pound, or Napoleon's favorite, stinky *Epousses Berthaut*, or the beautifully tangy *Schloss*. Plus you get grapes or a pear to go with the sandwich. Where to eat it? Starbucks, a few doors down, usually doesn't mind. Coffee, bread, interesting cheese, fruit — it's the perfect combo. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

DOWNTOWN

Alambres Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Avenue (near F), Gaslamp, 619-233-2838. Surprise: this place strives to be inexpensive, like a Mexico City café-bar, where you hang out to watch soccer or talk over the night at two in the morning. They keep the kitchen open till the wee hours. Breakfasts are decent workaday deals, like the burrito stuffed with chorizo, spuds, and eggs. Try the interesting *chicharon de queso* that looks like a foot-long golden scroll, and watch for the impulse-cooked teaser plates like *cebollitas*, small grilled onions in "Maggie's sauce." Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Open 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish and chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting

through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Cafe Chloe 721 Ninth Avenue (at G Street), East Village, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar-seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar-nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle *beurre blanc*. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, root beer choices, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, most available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W.*

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of

the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950s pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-230-1001. Darband is named after an exotic mountain resort north of Tehran. Quite a contrast to this sloping office-and-car-park strip of Fifth. Lunchtimes, office workers fill the tables. Evenings feel more, well, Persian. It's mostly men, some playing backgammon, talking, arguing, laughing. With all the Farsi flying round, it feels like a local café back in Tehran. Food is good, fresh, regular Persian. "Khoreh Bademjan" is a tasty baby eggplant and beef stew. "Barg" is a safe bet, too — marinated beef tenderloin with rice. So is the vegetarian plate, though the veggie wrap's cheaper. Of course, kabobs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Open lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the

evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during happy hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast anytime) daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is

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Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don’t even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there’s full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called Certified *agnus*. Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Morton’s of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton’s for great steak. Their midwestern grain-fed beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton’s. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Morton’s Hot Choco-

late Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N.*

Rainwater’s on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you’re here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you’re here because Rainwater’s is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain’t filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M.*

Sidebar Deli California Western School of Law, corner of Second and Cedar, downtown, 619-525-1444. The motto of this place is “Every day’s a good day, but some days are better than others.” It certainly applies to the Sidebar, just because the daily specials can be gone in a flash. Students have fought class actions to secure lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Of course there are always breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches like bacon or sausage and cheese, French Dip sandwiches, or California wraps. Open to the public, breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Stingaree 454 Sixth Avenue (between J and K), Gaslamp, 619-544-0867. This huge restaurant has a nightclub on the mezzanine and an outdoor lounge on the roof. The Mediterranean food by chef Antonio Friscia comes in three plate sizes — little, medium, and large. It’s a built-in invitation to graze and share if you want to keep it light before you go dancing. The fare features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables. The rich international wine list is steep, but there’s plenty by the glass; full bar. Friday and Saturday nights, dinner is a three- or four-course prix fixe only (your choices from the à la carte menu), but that gets you free entry into the club. Reservations advisable, urged for weekends.

Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill’s Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp’s big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It’s loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf’s, they’re still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of portobello mushroom). Entrees come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with giantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinner nightly, open until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

1500 Ocean Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Ocean Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-8490. A lovely indoor-outdoor dining venue replaces the venerable walled-in Prince of Wales at the Del. Now the food is breezier, too — refined “California coastal cuisine” with French and Asian influences, constructed with the beautiful luxury ingredients of each season. There’s everything to like, from the patio with a beach view to the comfortable atmosphere that’s dressy but not stiff. The wine list is awesome — rather steep but no gouging, including reasonably mature top quaffs from France. Validated parking. Request assistance with handicapped access (stairs) when calling to reserve. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Asian Noodle Bay Plaza Shopping Center, 1430 East Plaza Boulevard,

Suite E-12, National City, 619-477-5390. You’ve got to be a noodle fan to be into this. It’s an outpost of the venerable Ma Mon Luk family’s Filipino restaurant empire. Mr. Ma went to Manila from China nearly a century ago and introduced the idea of egg noodles in a chicken soup (instead of rice noodles). His now-famous soup (with beef or chicken these days) came to be called MaMi. (Mr. Ma’s “Mi” — noodles). Yes, MaMi’s a little bland, but it’s filling, and their *siopao* (stuffed steam buns) make a good accompaniment. Most interesting is another invention Ma Mon Luk claims: sweet spaghetti. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bistro D’Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy “Lizard Lounge” serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian “monk’s curry,” and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table’s first round of delicate “flower buns” with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W.*

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Avenue #9, National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises “over 100 items daily.” Yellow-gloved girls constantly rove the rows checking, stirring, wiping. A lot of the stuff is very good, like the marinated baby octopuses that look like large blushing spiders, or the mussels in their shells, bubbling golden on top with melted cheese, and of course, roast beef au jus. If you must be healthy, they have groaning salad bars and adequate sushi. It’s an incredible value. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Avenue (at Rainbow), Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. They can flop, but they can’t fail. For alternatives, the fish and chips dish is pretty generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo, fries, and salad is good value. You’re near enough here to the

beach to get supplies for sunset “green flash” parties — this is a full-on Italian take-out eatery with ham or turkey subs, spaghetti with meatballs, half-pound burgers, and more. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers’ favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there’s also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Lydia’s Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open daily, three meals. (Call ahead for availability of the *birria*.) Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

McP’s Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP’s patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it’s mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here’s the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea

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Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja’s heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food’s no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won’t — you’ll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho “royal” hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Vegetarian on request. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Café la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana’s bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. Vegetarian on request. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner

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El Faro de Mazatlán Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We’re talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The “Lighthouse of Mazatlán” is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albóndigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it’s delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It’s great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican sea bass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Vegetarian on request. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you’re

at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it’s dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada*, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Vegetarian on request. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *E.B.*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party

droves, by gobbling huge plates of “themed” Italian. Bucca di Beppo (“Joe’s Cellar”) is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown’s rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield’s breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you’re having fun. Don’t leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Coast Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit “the premium

pizza segment.” Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain’s first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you’ve got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order “Hawaiian” pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Joe’s Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-574-8617; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. Joe’s is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food’s not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for

fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin’, raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it’s the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it’s a nationwide franchise, but it’s a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas,

760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — *E.B.*

Ruth’s Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real (at Arroyo Sorrento), Sorrento Hills, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren’t a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 and reasonable markups. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it’s noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — *B.D.*

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Critical Time

A transparent phony playing a transparent phony is perhaps too much phoniness.

Maybe I should have held off a couple of weeks before remarking on “the influx of topical piety into screen dramas.” *Lions for Lambs*, arriving Friday, brings a veritable tidal wave of piety, topping the combined volume of it in (to rehash and expand the list) *A Mighty Heart*, *Trade*, *The Kingdom*, *In the Valley of Elah*, *Into the Wild*, *Michael Clayton*, *Rendition*, and any two or three others you’d care to add. (Screenwriter Matthew Michael Carnahan gets the credit, or the blame, for both *Lions for Lambs* and *The Kingdom*, his first two produced scripts.) On second thought, maybe it’s better to have done it this way, not so as to make me look prophetic but simply to emphasize that we’re still somewhere in the midst of the flood and you’d be advised to keep your life raft and your scuba gear at the ready.

The topics on the table, this time, are the war on terror, the lack of a battle plan to wage it, the governmental policy of disinformation, the complicity of the press in all this, the general lowering of journalistic standards, the

apathy of the younger generation, the ivory-towerism of academe, and (if that’s not enough) the responsibility of each and every individual citizen to get involved, make a difference, act

out a slogan. Or as the ad line puts it, stealing a country-western lyric from the lips of Aaron Tippin, “If you

don’t stand for something, you might fall for anything.” Italics — or rather, different-colored type — theirs. The C&W singer, in his turn, placed the stress on *something* and *anything*, and the variance will have to pass for a fresh spin.

The action in the film, which is to say the talk, talk, talk, takes place in three arenas. One is the Capitol Hill office of a go-getter GOP senator, once branded “the future of the party,” currently entertaining a veteran newshound in an hour-long one-on-one interview, divulging a new plan for victory in Afghanistan: “My honest effort to keep the press better informed.” The plan, however, is not just “off the record” but off the screen and out of earshot, except for the bit about a newly launched mili-



Lions for Lambs

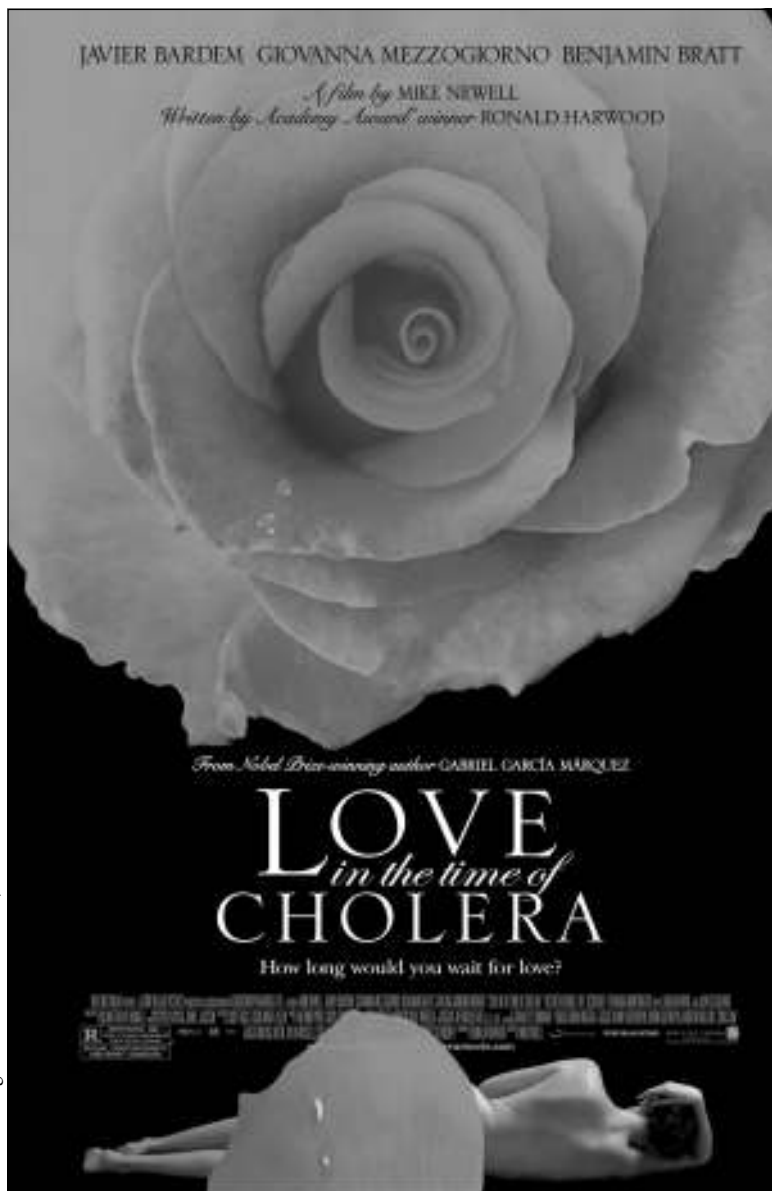
tary operation, sounding suspiciously like a tried-and-failed strategy in Vietnam, small units of cannon fodder strewn behind enemy lines. The second arena, where the strategic failure receives immediate demonstration, is a snowy Afghan mountaintop on which two old college buddies lie wounded and marooned, with the forces of the Taliban closing in. And the third is the office of their former

Poli-Sci professor at “a California university,” where he now, conscience-stricken over his vain attempt to dissuade them from joining the military, fights for the soul of a disengaged student of bright promise and smart mouth.

The shifting focus from one arena to another, for all its geographical scope, is scarcely cinematic at all, but more like a shifting spotlight on a stage,

a pool of illumination that circulates between three distinct twosomes. Although a few flashbacks combat this effect, the staginess — the soapboxiness — never for a moment relents. Even the journalist’s car ride at the end is not a chance merely to get some air, but a chance to connect the dots from the White House straight to Arlington.

The film, really more a forum than



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a film ("Here we are," the truest statement the senator makes, "having a high-minded debate"), collects commonplace talk on the issues at hand, things you hear spoken all around you these days, and it crams them into the mouths of tenuously connected, sketchily conceived fictional characters. ("Didn't we also arm Saddam in the Eighties?" "How about a strategy to bring the troops home?" "Rome is burning, son." That sort of stuff.) Presented for the most part in a constricted face-shot style, and rather sickly in complexion for so eminent a cinematographer as Philippe Rousselot, it comes to us out of the evident conviction that we are at too critical a time in our history to be bothered with amenities such as art and artfulness, imagination and invention. (Still another indicator, like no shampoo on airplanes, that *the terrorists have won*.) And — despite an A-list cast of Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep, and Robert Redford, the last of whom also directed — it logs in at several ticks under ninety minutes, as if any greater elaboration would have dangerously delayed the delivery of the message.

Cruise takes the unappetizing role of the silver-tongued, slick-haired senator (photoshopped, on his office wall, into camaraderie with Bush, Cheney, Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell, et al.), seemingly a role right up the alley of so patently phony an actor; and yet a transparent phony playing a transparent phony is perhaps too much phoniness, too much transparency. Here again, the time must have been seen as too critical to bother with little things like ambiguity and subtlety. Streep, sporting a pair of Ashleigh Banfield specs, imparts plenty of shade to her portrayal, apparently having actually convinced herself she was portraying a human being, even though the bare fact that the character is both a leading TV journalist and a leading print journalist unmasks her as an all-purpose representative, an everyreporter. Red-

ford (isn't it strange, isn't it unnatural, mustn't it be surgical, how his eyes grow wider as he grows older?) is the caring professor, and there is no doubting his own or his character's earnestness. His judgment is another matter. A matter almost for criminal prosecution.

What else is doing: the organizers of the Latino Film Festival have put together their final monthly program of 2007 at the UltraStar Hazard Center, November 9 through 15, *DarkBlueAlmostBlack* from Spain and *Love for Sale* from Brazil, before they then go underground to prepare for their 15th Annual next spring. And a new event self-explanatorily called Horrorfest (not exclusive to San Diego, but simultaneous nationwide) will unveil "8 Films to Die For," November 9 through 18, at the Horton Plaza, Palm Promenade, Chula Vista, and Rancho San Diego. These are low-budget, low-profile, low-recognition offerings about which I can say nothing, other than that the cast of *Crazy Eights* — Traci Lords, Frank Whaley, Dina Meyer, Gabrielle Anwar — ascends, in this company, the closest to stellar. ■

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Across the Universe — Two-and-a-quarter-hour promo for the Beatles without ever mentioning them by name. A generous, even overgenerous sampler of their songs (thirty-three of them, by the count in the press notes, leaving aside the numberless others that are quoted from or alluded to) has been re-recorded, or "covered" as they say in the business, by a fictitious cast of characters plunked down against the billowing backdrop of the Sixties: the war, the draft, the protests, the drugs, the psychedelics, the Sexual Revolution, all that. To link the Beatles with the upheaval makes a certain sense. Unlike, say, the more enduring Rolling Stones or the going-nowhere Dave Clark Five, the Beatles were a group that really did evolve (or, as some would prefer, devolve) swiftly and dramatically, making them a useful weathercock for the winds of change. You are here reminded afresh of their range and their riches; and in new mouths, you hear the songs with new ears. (The tremulous, down-tempo rendition, for example, of "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" by an Asian-American high-school cheerleader, T.V. Carpio, brings the song a new, a renewed feeling, all by itself almost worth the price of admission.) By the second half, however, the inspiration irreversibly runs out of steam en route to a spluttering climax of "All You Need Is Love." (Wearily, now: yeah, yeah, yeah.) Part of the problem



Martian Child

is that, as the counterculture gains momentum in the sequence of events, there's a visible increase in music-video vulgarity, ornamental surrealism, Fellini-esque fantasy,

all the elements that go into director Julie Taymor's fabled "vision." Another part of the problem may be that the later songs, even though the playlist in the film does

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not observe a strict chronology, tend to be more turgid. Part, too, may simply be that two-and-a-quarter hours are too long for a promo. With Evan Rachel Wood, Jim Sturgess, Joe Anderson, Dana Fuchs, Martin Luther McCoy, and cameos by Bono, Eddie Izzard, Joe Cocker, Salma Hayek. 2007.

★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

American Gangster — Formula underworld drama poured into an epic template. Like Jiffy-brand waffle batter spread over an iron the size of a billiard table. “Based on a true story,” it traces, in separate intertwined storylines, the converging upward paths of criminal and cop: the former (Denzel Washington) starting out as the servile driver and bodyguard for the legendary Bumpy Johnson, a big fish in the small pond of Harlem into the late Sixties, then expanding the pond, upon his boss’s death, into an ocean; and the latter (Russell Crowe) working his way up as an undercover narc in New Jersey, studying for the bar in his spare time. Their eventual meeting comes, and drags on, as something of an anticlimax, after an excitingly staged drug raid from which the ganglord is lucky

to be absent. The opposing paths up to that point are smoothly graded and well greased; and director Ridley Scott, the epitome of slick (*Alien*, *Blade Runner*, *Thelma and Louise*, *Gladiator*, *Black Hawk Down*, and so on), moves things along at a tolerable pace, although there’s the distinct impression that even if he knew any shortcuts, he wouldn’t take them. His goal is epic, and he would gladly drag his feet to get there. At two and a half hours plus, he indeed does get there. Washington, to pay him a back-handed compliment, is never quite as credible as a through-and-through baddie, even though that seems to be the way to the Oscar (i.e., *Training Day*). Crowe on the other hand is a perfectly credible crusader, overcoming no greater obstacles on the road to respectability than his buoyant white sneakers and his unflattering, inexpensive period haircut, framing his face with folded wings. With Chiwetel Ejiofor, Josh Brolin, Lymari Nadal, and Ruby Dee. 2007.

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The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford — Rather tardy anti-Western (at least a couple of

decades out of style), with a decidedly un-heroic Jesse James, brutal, bullying, back-shooting, paranoid, and suicidal, and a slightly more sympathetic Bob Ford, conflicted in his feelings toward the legendary outlaw, idolizing yet inferior, intimidated, frightened, resentful, envious. There are some gripping scenes and some amusing moments, but on the whole (a two-hour-and-forty-minute whole), it is diffuse, rambling, short on action, almost aggressively dull. With Brad Pitt, Casey Affleck, Sam Rockwell, Sam Shepard, and Mary-Louise Parker; written and directed by Andrew Dominik. 2007.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Bee Movie — Cute name, even for an overhyped, presold, mega-budget money-making machine. (The return of Jerry Seinfeld! — as leading voice, co-writer, co-producer, and principal drum beater.) Cute is much more than you can say, however, for the spongy, marshmallowy computer-animated honeybees or for the premise that permits them to converse in English at equal volume with humans. The storyline of a rebel bee unready to settle down to his one and only Job-for-Life has its points of cleverness (e.g., the episode of getting stuck on a tennis ball, ultimately overelaborated), and toward the end of it there’s a sententious lesson in ecology, more for grownups than for tots. With the voices of Renée Zellweger, Matthew Broderick, Chris Rock, Patrick Warburton; directed by Simon J. Smith and Steve Hickner. 2007.

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Before the Devil Knows You’re Dead — Interesting attempt by the eighty-three-year-old Sidney Lumet to keep up with the Tarantinos, piloting a caper film of back-and-forth time jumps and alternating points of view. The caper itself, a jewelry store stickup, is strictly small-time. “We don’t want Tiffany’s,” the mastermind, a drug-dependent real estate accountant (Philip Seymour Hoffman), pitches the idea to his younger brother, a deadbeat dad (Ethan Hawke): “We want a mom-and-pop operation.” More specifically, the operation of their own mom and pop (Rosemary Harris and Albert Finney), squeezed between Claire’s and Foot Locker in a cookie-cutter Westchester shopping mall. The robbery goes very wrong very early, and the ensuing time scramble dispenses information and revelations on an unpredictable schedule. We meet “Grandma,” for example, at a school play *after* we have seen her shot in the holdup and *before* we find out she was not supposed to be at work that day. And we find out that the recruited younger brother is having an affair with his sister-in-law, the mastermind’s wife (Marisa Tomei, more extensively attractive than ever), *before* we even know that the mastermind has any part in the plan. The totally botched robbery, leaving no prospect of success and profit, quickly eliminates much of the standard suspense in this sort of thing (cueing instead a brooding *Fargo*-esque musical score from *Fargo*’s actual composer, Carter Burwell), and it permits the focus to shift to the deeply jaundiced view of family life — family discord, family disloyalty, family dysfunction. That view, while it lets in a fair share of malicious humor, is not to be taken lightly. Lumet, whose long list of credits runs along the lines of *Twelve Angry Men*, *Long Day’s Journey into Night*, *Fail-Safe*, *The Pawnbroker*, *Serpico*, *Dog Day Afternoon*, *Network*, *The Verdict*, and the like, is by nature banished from lightness. 2007.

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The Brave One — Distaff *Death Wish*, though it would not be strictly accurate to say that Jodie Foster is playing Charles Bronson. The emphasis is on her psychological wounds after her fiancé is beaten to death and she herself beaten to death's door — setting up a take-back-the-night feminist revenge story — and the whole thing is acted and directed (by Neil Jordan) with a high seriousness not borne out by the potboilerish plotting. The motif of ruptured relationships — the heroine, the cop, two congruent cases of uxoricide — implants some emotional backbone. Terrence Howard, Mary Steenburgen, Naveen Andrews. 2007. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Dan in Real Life — Annual family gathering (parlor games, touch football, talent show), complicated by romantic rivalry:

two brothers, a widower with three girls and a reformed womanizer, both smitten by a worldly Frenchwoman. A showcase for Steve Carell's self-consciousness, somewhat more sympathetic than Dane Cook's lugishness. Juliette Binoche looks as if she could do better. With John Mahoney, Di-
anne Wiest, and Emily Blunt; directed by Peter Hedges. 2007. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Darjeeling Limited — One thing to be said for a Wes Anderson film, and it's no small thing, is that it bears an individual stamp. A stamp as flat as a postage stamp, as emphatic as a rubber stamp. (Whap, whap.) A well-known commodity after *Bottle Rocket*, *Rushmore*, *The Royal Tennenbaums*, *The Life Aquatic of Steve Zissou*, Anderson favors fastidiously balanced, nailed-down compositions, the figures pinned to a shallow background like butterfly specimens. Stressing their separateness, he has no intention to hinge his shots together into a smooth and seamless line, but instead slots them into place as if on disconnected planes, setting up a clumping rhythm of starts and stops, glazing the

screen with the deadeast of deadpans, and erecting an invisible wall (invulnerable even to the occasional uncharacteristic zoom) between the filmmaker and his characters, freakishly feckless people, abject puppets manipulated by a man with little regard for human diversity and volition. The effect — the unhumanness of these humanoids — is often amusing and always distancing. The danger in the director's method is that it can be *too* distancing and therefore not amusing *enough*. (Since he always clamps a tasteful mute on the audience's merriment, the standard laugh-meter is an unreliable measure.) If this outing seems a cut above all previous ones, it may be the benefit of a real, a tangible, a substantial background against which to display his specimens: three, thirty-something brothers who have not spoken to one another in the year since their father's funeral, now heading out together on a "spiritual journey" in a first-class sleeper car across India, with the ultimate aim of tracking down their mother (a no-show at the funeral) in a convent at the foot of the Himalayas. In other words, a typical Wes Anderson operation, bringing about the insecure bonding of misaligned oddballs, but in an atypical exotic setting, the better to draw out their oddness. Owen Wilson, Adrien Brody, Jason Schwartzman, Amara Karan, Anjelica Huston, Bill Murray. 2007. ★★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15;

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Elizabeth: The Golden Age — Cate Blanchett, or a bloodless marmoreal likeness of her, resumes her role from the nine-years-earlier *Elizabeth*, under the same director, Shekhar Kapur, for a collection of the Virgin Queen's greatest hits: Mary, Queen of Scots; Sir Walter Raleigh; and, in a madly cross-cutting climax, the Spanish Armada, dispatched by the subtitle-speaking Catholic fanatic, Philip II ("Elizabeth is darkness, I am light"). A histrionic history lesson and courtly soap opera (the pregnant handmaid, the secret wedding, the queen's

cracked heart but not visage), ludicrous in its extravagance, good for a snicker but not for an education. With Clive Owen, Abbie Cornish, Samantha Morton, Rhys Ifans, and Geoffrey Rush. 2007. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)
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LAGE; FROM 11/9)

Gone Baby Gone — Directing debut of Ben Affleck, who stays behind the camera and cedes the spotlight to his younger brother Casey, in the role of Patrick Kenzie, the Boston missing-persons private eye ("I find the people that started in the cracks and then fell through"), along with his "snooty" partner Angie Gennaro (Michelle Monaghan), featured in a series of detective novels by Dennis Lehane. The plot, starting sensibly enough with the vanished daughter of a drug-addicted and derelict single mom, proves in the long run to be preposterous. But Affleck, meaning Casey more than Ben, works wonders to humanize Lehane's rather embarrassing literary creation, partly just by his youthful delicacy and his chip-on-the-shoulder defensiveness about it. A singularly unprepossessing hero, he gains stature by holding his ground, however sul-ly, against some highly showy perform-

ances (Ed Harris, Amy Madigan, Amy Ryan, Morgan Freeman, among them). And the other Affleck, Ben, does some nice impressionistic detailing of his native Bean Town, and some candid thumbnailing of assorted lowlifes, before he succumbs to a muddying plot and a gagging resolution. 2007.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix — Pot V, if you're counting. War with the Dark Lord, as you might recall from the end of Pot IV, approaches; and af-ter another two-and-a-quarter hours of stretching and padding, it still approaches. At the rate Daniel Radcliffe is aging, Harry looks on course to be the World's Oldest Grad Student of Witchcraft and Wizardry by the time the war actually arrives. Just as Miranda Richardson enlivened the previous installment in the new role of a nosy re-porter, Imelda Staunton enlivens this one as a Draconian educational reformer be-hind a false front of cold smiles and hot pinks. With Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Gary Oldman, Alan Rickman, Ralph Fiennes, and, a second en-livening newcomer, the fey, fifteen-year-old Evanna Lynch, in her screen debut; directed by David Yates. 2007.

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The Heartbreak Kid — The Farrelly brothers' remake, thirty-five years after the original, serves as a handy gauge of the de-cline of Western civilization. Apart from their substitution of bodily-function gags for social observation and verbal wit, the well-cast and well-constructed comedy about the man who strays on his honey-moon (as directed by Elaine May and as written by Neil Simon) has been badly re-cast — Ben Stiller, Malin Akerman, Michelle Monaghan in place of Charles Grodin, Jeannie Berlin, Cybill Shepherd — and ruinously reconstructed, so that we now have an unwieldy, drawn-out first act, an interminable and repetitious middle act, and a hasty, slapdash last act. The Farrellys have given the groom a mountain of "moti-vation" to stray, and given him the Perfect Woman to stray to, thus taking the sting out of the joke and exposing themselves as a couple of consummate clods. 2007.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

In the Valley of Elah — A more com-mendable writing and directing effort from Paul Haggis (writer only on *Million Dollar Baby* and *Flags of Our Fathers*, among others) than his hokey Oscar-winner, *Crash*. More focussed, more concentrated, more self-contained, more consistent: an uncom-promisingly mournful murder mystery, and strangled antiwar cry, about a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom (remember when?) who goes missing upon his return to Fort Rudd, New Mexico, and who turns up on the outskirts of the base, stabbed, dismembered, and burned beyond recogni-tion. Say what you will about the film-maker's political point-making, it never clogs up the unrushed flow of the narrative; and at the same time he shows a true cine-matic eye for tacky Americana, the streets, the stores, the townscapes, etc., so that whenever we go anywhere on screen — an army barracks, a motel, a public restroom, a strip club, a coffee shop, a "drive-up" bar, a fast-food joint — we can feel we've really been there, really seen it. (The mood light-ing of nauseous green and blanched white is a case of whatever would be the opposite of gilding the lily — wilting the weed, pos-sibly — and equally unnecessary.) Tommy Lee Jones, as the victim's father, a retired M. P. and current gravel hauler who presses the investigation forward when the military looks for an easy way out, has just the right amount of starch in his perfor-mance, touchingly repressed. Charlize Theron on the other hand, as the belea-guered civilian cop who eventually takes an interest, is perhaps more emotional than you want from a cop, but not more glam-orous, with mannish attire, no makeup, and her hair parted in the middle and pulled back as severely as Emily Dickin-son's. The rest of the cast has been carefully chosen down to the smallest role, with special mention reserved for Susan Sarandon, Jason Patric, James Franco, Jake McLaugh-lin, Wes Chatham, Josh Brolin, Barry Corbin, and, nonchalantly topless in her mid-fifties, Frances Fisher. 2007.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Into the Wild — Illustration, in a sketchy hand, of the Jon Krakauer nonfiction book on Christopher McCandless, a 1990 college graduate, on the doorstep of Harvard Law School, who gave away his tuition fund to Oxfam, obliterated his identity, renamed himself Alexander Supertramp, and swapped the evils of society for the purity of the northern wilderness ("No longer to be poisoned by civilization," he carved into a wooden shingle at his encampment), where ultimately he starved to death in 1992. It may not sound like much of an idea for a film. It isn't. A Seventies-style road movie, redolent of Seventies-style dis-affection, it has a strong element of travel-ogue, as our happy-go-lucky hobo rides his aging Datsun westward to South Dakota, abandons it at Lake Mead, kayaks down the Colorado River, drifts into Mexico, train-hops up to L.A., thumbs his way to the Salton Sea, Anza Borrego, and Alaska. In that final destination, the travelogue veers toward nature documentary. At nearly two and a half hours, the film feels very, very long, albeit short on relatable incident: the protagonist goes places, he meets people, and then he goes to a place where he won't

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meet people, where he will meet only his end, a martyr to something or other. Director Sean Penn unmistakably takes himself very seriously, and takes his protagonist almost reverently, painting him as something of a holy fool (a reader of Tolstoi, even though an eater of meat when he can get it), and offering up this speculative reenactment as nothing less than an endorsement. At the top, he sets the tone with a high-flown epigraph from Lord Byron: “I love not man the less, but Nature more” — that one. The kid sister periodically supplies some explanatory narration (“I understand what he was doing”), and Pearl Jam’s Eddie Vedder chimes in with a half-dozen or so acoustic songs in sympathy and support. Of the real protagonist’s earnestness and conviction, the film can tell us next to nothing. Of the filmmaker’s, it can tell us much. And then it can tell us again. And again. With Emile Hirsch, Marcia Gay Harden, William Hurt, Jena Malone, Vince Vaughn, and Hal Holbrook. 2007.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Jimmy Carter, Man from Plains — Jonathan Demme’s documentary portrait of the former President on a book-signing tour.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/9)

Joe Strummer: The Future Is Unwritten — Documentary by Julien Temple on the late British punk rocker.

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The Kingdom — A remedial history lesson on U.S. -Saudi relations, behind the opening credits, introduces a hypothetical massacre of a hundred-plus American citizens at an oil-company picnic, the handiwork of an “Osama wannabe.” Speedily onto the scene — where were they on 9/11? — comes an FBI response team (Jamie Foxx, the take-charge family man; Jennifer Garner, the token superwoman; Chris Cooper, the token good actor; Jason Bateman, the obligatory wiseacre), to take names and kick ass, but first to burn the ears of the local Saudi investigator with their salty Free Speech. (Ashraf Barhom, in the part, is as likable as he is expendable.) Director Peter Berg’s bob-and-weave camera, that cliché of immediacy and urgency, is a continual annoyance, and in the climactic action is worse than that. Our inability to follow what’s happening can scarcely convince us it’s actually happening. 2007.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Lars and the Real Girl — Director Craig Gillespie, of the mainstream *Mr. Woodcock*, indulges the monkeyshines of Ryan Gosling in the part of an antisocial Minnesota Lutheran who seeks happiness in a chaste relationship with an anatomically correct life-size sex doll. Everyone in town loves him too much, for some unapparent reason, to burst his literal balloon. Pretty much one-note, and sour. With Emily Mortimer, Paul Schneider, Kelli Garner, and Patricia Clarkson. 2007.

● (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18)

Lions for Lambs — Reviewed this issue. With Robert Redford, Meryl Streep, Tom Cruise, Michael Peña, Derek Luke, and Andrew Garfield; directed by Redford.

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Lust, Caution — Under the rare “NC-17” rating, filmmaker Ang Lee shows his high-mindedness by keeping us waiting an hour and a half for the hot stuff (borderline hardcore action, laced with S&M, the doll-faced newcomer Tang Wei as an unprotected sex toy), and another hour and ten minutes still to go. What we wait through, or waste through, is a stagnant spy drama about a resistance cell formed of zealous theater students in Second World War-

time Shanghai, plotting the assassination of a “cautious” (but lustful) collaborator with the occupying Japanese. The director, straight off *Brokeback Mountain*, reportedly cut the film by some fifty minutes for the more puritanical Chinese market, while, in his own assessment, perfectly preserving the spirit of the thing. Inasmuch as there are scarcely fifty minutes of hot stuff, scarcely even five, we must suppose he has cut through some of the stagnancy as well. (And maybe, more regrettably, the very messily violent knife murder, as difficult and clumsy a killing as that of the gum-chewing KGB man in Hitchcock’s *Torn Curtain*.) Frankly, it might have been preferable to see the shorter version over here. The entire course of the plot, the height or depth of passion it strives for, can be taken as a kind of tribute to the magnetism of Tony Leung, even in the role of a sadistic quisling. But although you can see at the end of it where it wanted to get to, you cannot see, from all that came before, how it ever expected to get there. 2007.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Martian Child — Sci-fi writer (and widower) adopts a problem child who believes he’s from another planet. The means of expression are hackneyed and mawkish, and John Cusack’s emotional reserves run only puddle-deep, but the warm, clean, well-lit photography of Robert Yeoman (on whose talents Wes Anderson holds no monopoly) will give the sensitive viewer something to

cozy up to, something constant. With Bobby Coleman, Amanda Peet, Joan Cusack, Oliver Platt, Sophie Okonedo, and Anjelica Huston; directed by Menno Meyjes. 2007.

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Michael Clayton — The title figure is the designated fixer for the elite Manhattan law firm of Kenner, Bach & Ledeen, touted as a “miracle worker” but more modest in his self-assessment: “I’m not a miracle worker, I’m a janitor. The smaller the mess, the easier it is for me to clean it up.” And a three-billion-dollar class action suit against his firm’s biggest client, United Northfield, or UNorth for short, makes a very big mess. Aside from being George Clooney, the hero doesn’t look like much. Crushed under a mountain of debt, sworn off the gambling habit (notwithstanding a prefatory relapse at the poker table), run ragged by his job, begging his boss for an advance and getting the brush-off, he has little time for his neglected son and none for a shave. In addition to all that, Clooney has firmly suppressed the head-wagging smugness that so

often chills his charm. In fact he has sunken into the part quite deeply and depressively. We keep waiting to see some sign of a miracle. And waiting. In its bald essentials —

the soulless law firm, the monolithic corporation, the robotic hit men, the stirrings of conscience and poses of piety, the mechanics of comeuppance — the film is fairly

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SEEN ON DVD



Raising Arizona

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With a new Coens' film coming out, we've chosen to highlight the Coens' cult classic *The Big Lebowski* for MoPA's next POP (Photos off the Prado) Thursday on November 15. The Coens are responsible for making numerous films that depict a heightened sense of reality. Here's an additional pair of great Coen brothers' films that serve as evidence of their cult-classic worthiness. One of the first examples, *Raising Arizona*, follows a not-so-reformed criminal, "H.I.," and his new wife, policewoman "Ed," in their pursuit of a normal family. *Raising Arizona* is full of the visual comedy and unusual characters that are Coen brothers conventions.

O Brother, Where Art Thou? is another film highlighting the Coens' unique humor. With their evident research of the time period, effort to show a sepia-tinted South, and amazing score, one can tell the Coens aren't just interested in telling a story.

RAISING ARIZONA (USA) 1987, Twentieth Century Fox
List price: \$14.98

O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU? (USA) 2000, Touchstone
List price: \$19.99



Fargo

LAUREL HIGBEE

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Fargo won the Coens an Oscar for writing one of the most outrageous fictionalized true stories to be on screen. It's a dark comedy that goes from a bungled kidnapping to a murder mystery, culminating in a violent series of audacious criminal mishaps. All this interlaced with the persistent, unassuming police work of the very pregnant Marge Gunderson (played by the stellar Frances McDormand), and sprinkled with telltale Minnesotan accents. Steve Buscemi and Peter Stormare (also in *The Big Lebowski*) play the kidnappers.

Paris, Je T'Aime is a collaboration of 21 directors who create five-minute shorts linked together to deliver a love letter to the city and to humanity itself. The Coens' segment depicts an American tourist, played by Buscemi, perusing a guidebook as he waits for the Paris Metro. He's torn out of the safety of his page-flipping by a passionate young couple in a playful scene.

FARGO (USA) 1996, MGM

List price: \$14.98

PARIS, JE T'AIME (USA/France) 2006, First Look Pictures
List price: \$28.98



The Ladykillers

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Blood Simple, the directorial debut of the Coens, depicts all the quirks we've come to expect from them. In 2001, it received an unusual director's cut — the version is some three minutes shorter than the original release. The Coens shortened the film by cleaning up the loose ends in editing, shortening some shots and removing others altogether. They also changed some music.

The Ladykillers allows you to understand what the Coens can do to a story. It's a remake of a 1955 classic Ealing comedy. Tom Hanks plays the charming Professor Goldthwaite H. Dorr who rents a room from a God-fearing widow to mask robbery meetings with a gang of unfortunate criminals. Seeing how the Coens distorted the backdrop of this film and brought a new emphasis to each criminal's character is unique. Comparing and contrasting the Coen remake to the original helped me to appreciate the power of the auteur.

BLOOD SIMPLE (DIRECTOR'S CUT) (USA) 2001, Universal
List price: \$14.98

THE LADYKILLERS (USA) 2004, Walt Disney Studios
List price: \$14.99

actual spectacle of any of these sights as by the choking facetiousness of your tour-guide. This attitude of indulgent superiority is evidently supposed to coat the thing with a layer of "adulthood." And for a second coat into the bargain, there is a present-day framing device whereby a horribly made-up and costumed granddad (Peter Falk) "reads" the story we are seeing to a precocious sitcom kid in his sickbed: a soft-sell pitch for literature (the television of yore) that had been done before, and better, in *The Neverending Story*. Winks and eye-rolls notwithstanding, however, *The Princess Bride* remains obstinately a movie for children. There is no harm in that. But there is not a lot else in it either. With Cary Elwes, Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon. 1987.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 11/10 MIDNIGHT)

Resident Evil: Extinction — Post-apocalyptic posturing, in an ankle-length duster, with two sheathed machetes, by a feminine Mad Max, or to be more exact an Angry Alice, a plasticky, poreless, yet perspiry Milla Jovovich. The door is left wide open to a third sequel. With Ali Larter, Oded Fehr, and Iain Glen; directed by Russell Mulcahy. 2007.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Sleuth — Streamlined, diverted, nevertheless tedious remake of the Anthony Shaffer theatrical thriller. Michael Caine, returning to the scene, takes the part of Laurence Olivier from the 1972 version, while Caine's original role is taken by the man who took his role in the remake of *Alfie* as well, Jude Law. There's not much point to it, apart from showing off the actors' prowess (Caine bettering Olivier), modernizing the interior decoration, and allowing the Nobel Prize author, Harold Pinter, to sharpen his verbal knives. Directed, ostentatiously, by Kenneth Branagh. 2007.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/8)

Stardust — Facetious fairy tale located in a magical kingdom within Merry Old England, populated by an ardent suitor, a grasping inamorata, a humanoid heavenly body, a stray unicorn, a wicked witch, a power-mad prince, a gallery of ghosts, a gay flying pirate (putting the fairy in fairy tale?), among others. The plot thickens, the pot bubbles, and the possibilities seem greater than the eventualities. With Charlie Cox, Claire Danes, Sienna Miller, Michelle Pfeiffer, Robert De Niro, Jason Flemyng, Mark Strong, and Peter O'Toole; directed by Matthew Vaughn. 2007.

★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

30 Days of Night — A tribe of subtitled vampires strategically targets the northernmost town in the U.S., Barrow, Alaska, hunkered down for a sunless month, free rein for nocturnal bloodsuckers. The majestic clouds and snowscapes on the last day of light ignite hope for a sense of style, but the superhuman strength and speed of the monsters soon prepare you for boredom and monotony, albeit gory boredom and monotony. A brief recurrence of majesty: the aerial view of slaughter, splotches of red on a field of snow, an action painting in motion. With Josh Hartnett, Melissa George, Ben Foster, Danny Huston, and Mark Boone Junior; directed by David Slade. 2007.

● (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

3:10 to Yuma — Honest-to-gosh Western, a rare sight in the 21st Century, thick as fleas fifty years earlier, when the original *3:10* arrived. The remake is done in the decadent style of shades-of-brown realism, luxuriantly whiskered and shaggy-haired, yet preening and grandiose, with amplified passions, topographical sprawl, and an overblown (and significantly altered) climax. Christian Bale, Russell Crowe, Ben Foster, Peter Fonda, Logan Lerman, and Gretchen Mol; directed by James Mangold. 2007.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick's *Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber's extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood's besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody ("I don't believe what's happening to me, My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!"). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones, the premise seems viable enough. Completely separate towns, according to Burton's fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning and carrying-off the separate holidays on the calendar, until one year the Halloween mastermind gets it into his head to abduct Santa Claus and usurp Christmas. There is some dark-toned fun (not darker than TV's *The Simpsons* or than Charles Addams's *New Yorker* cartoons, and not more fun, either) when the revised Christmas plans begin to go awry. And by and by there's a traditional and respectable fairy-tale message to do with accepting yourself as you are. The delivery of that message, however, and for that matter the setting-up of the basic premise, are garbled in the extreme. One does not envy parents who must try to explain the thing to their young. 1993.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

We Own the Night — The old story, with new operatic embellishment, of brothers on opposite sides of the law (Mark Wahlberg, Joaquin Phoenix), plus a father firmly on the lawful side (Robert Duvall), and Russian drug dealers so ruthless and repugnant as to straighten out the bent brother. All pretty obvious and overstated, although a couple of big developments come sooner than might have been anticipated, and director James Gray (*The Yards*, also featuring Wahlberg, and *Little Odessa*, also featuring Russian mobsters) stages an exciting shootout on wheels in a low-visibility rainstorm. If this scene could be bodily transferred, let's say, to *The Godfather*, it would be celebrated as an immortal cinematic set piece. The Polish contemporary classical composer Wojciech Kilar, whenever there's a breather in the Eighties oldies, contributes some weighty, heavy-treading incidental music. With Eva Mendes, Alex Veadov, Antoni Corone, and Tony Musante. 2007.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Wristcutters: A Love Story — Buddy movie, road movie, romance movie, set in a mundane afterlife exclusively for suicides, no smiling allowed: "Everything is the same here; it's just a little worse." A lifeless (literally, but also figuratively) fantasy, difficult to recognize or remember as fantasy. With Patrick Fugit (looking a bit like an undergraduate Harvey Keitel), Shannyn Sossamon, Shea Whigham, Leslie Bibb, and Tom Waits; written and directed by Goran Dukic. 2007.

● (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

standard-issue. But screenwriter (the *Bourne* series) and first-time director Tony Gilroy, beginning with the nonlinear narrative arrangement, has devised an all-over strategy of tease and obfuscation, very clever at disguising the lack of cleverness. Very clever, that is, in presentation, not in plot, character, idea. If we sometimes grow weary of not knowing what the hell people are talking about, we never altogether get weary of wanting to know. Tilda Swinton, Tom Wilkinson, Sydney Pollack. 2007.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Music Within — Ron Livingston plays Richard Pimentel, a hearing-impaired Vietnam vet and disabilities activist, directed by Steven Sawalich.

(MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 11/9)

P2 — Suspense film starring Rachel Nichols, Simon Reynolds, and Wes Bentley, directed by Franck Khalfoun. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/9)

The Princess Bride — Rob Reiner, who's said to have been wanting to make a movie of the William Goldman novel for many more years than he'd actually been a moviemaker, is not at this point a good enough director to cover up for a not good enough idea: he's still tied too tightly to the TV sitcom sensibility (acquired no doubt in his years as an actor on *All in the Family*),

all the way down to the clunking closeup of whoever happens to be talking at the moment. In fairness he does seem to keep on trying to do something a little different, only he is doing something less different here than he seems to think. The possibilities of the tongue-in-cheek swashbuckling adventure have been pretty thoroughly mapped out in such things as, coming forwards in time, *The Great Race*, Richard Lester's *The Three (and Four) Musketeers*, Richard Quine's *The Prisoner of Zenda*, *Flash Gordon*, and the Indiana Jones films. And the Errol Flynn-Douglas Fairbanks prototypes never had their tongues far from their cheeks in the first place. But forget all that now, if you possibly can, as you are guided again to The Shrieking Eels and The Cliffs of Insanity and The Fire Swamp, with its St. Bernard-sized rats, and The Pit of Despair and so on (only the names are different), to be regaled not so much by the

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
The Abandoned (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:45, 7:30, 10:20; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:50, 7:15, 9:50; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 1:45, 2:25) 4:25, 5:05, 7:05, 7:50, 9:45, 10:30; **American Gangster** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:05, 2:50, 3:20) 6:30, 7:10, 9:55, 10:35; **Bee Movie** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 12:35, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:20, 6:50, 7:40, 9:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 12:45, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:20, 6:50, 7:50, 9:25, 10:30; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:35, 7:20, 9:40; **The Darjeeling Limited** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 10:10; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 4:20, 6:55, 9:35; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:10) 6:45, 10:00; **P2** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:10, 7:35, 10:25; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
The Abandoned (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 4:45, 7:30, 10:25; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45, 2:25, 3:40) 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:15, 10:00; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **Bee Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:05, 2:50, 3:30) 4:25, 5:10, 5:55, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:05, 9:50; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 5:05, 7:45, 10:10; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15; **In the Valley of Elah** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 5:20, 8:10; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 5:05, 7:45, 10:15; **P2** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:55) 5:30, 8:05; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Across the Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:05) 6:35, 9:40; **American Gangster** (R) Fri. (11:30, 11:55, 12:30, 12:55, 2:55, 3:20, 3:50, 4:30) 6:15, 6:45, 7:10, 8:00, 9:35, 10:05, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 11:55, 12:30, 12:55, 2:55, 3:20, 3:50) 4:30, 6:15, 6:45, 7:10, 8:00, 9:35, 10:05, 10:25; **Bella** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:25, 4:40) 6:55, 9:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:40, 6:55, 9:10; **Borderland** (R) Fri. (3:30p.m.); **Crazy Eights** (NR) Sun. (3:30) 9:30; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:10) 7:30, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:10, 7:30, 10:20; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:55, 7:30, 10:15; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00) 7:05; **Lake Dead** (NR) Sat. (1:00) 9:30; **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:45, 9:25; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:35) 6:30, 9:05; **Mulberry Street** (R) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 2:30, 4:25) 6:50, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:30) 4:25, 6:50, 9:20; **Nightmare Man** (R) Sun. (1:00) 7:00; **Saw IV** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 10:10; **The Deaths of Ian Stone** (R) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Tooth & Nail** (R) Sat. (3:30p.m.); **Unearthed** (R) Fri. (1:00) 9:30; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 9:45

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
The Abandoned (R) Fri. 1:20, 2:00, 4:20, 5:00, 7:10, 7:55, 10:00, 10:45 Sat. (10:30, 11:10) 1:20, 2:00, 4:20, 5:00, 7:10, 7:55, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 2:00, 4:20, 5:00, 7:10, 7:55, 10:00, 10:45; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri. 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:25, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:25, 10:50; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri. 1:45, 4:50, 7:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:45, 4:50, 7:35; **Across the Universe** (PG-13) Fri. 1:25, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sat. (10:20) 1:25, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 1:25, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **American Gangster** (R) Fri. 12:00, 12:40, 3:15, 4:00, 6:40, 7:25, 10:10, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 12:15, 3:10, 4:00, 6:40, 7:25, 10:10, 10:55; **Bee Movie** (PG) Fri. 12:20, 1:55, 2:55, 4:40, 5:20, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:15) 12:00, 12:35, 2:20, 2:55, 4:40, 5:20, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:15; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri. 12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35; **The Darjeeling Limited** (R) Fri. 1:35, 4:10, 7:05, 9:40 Sat. (11:00) 1:35, 4:10, 7:05, 9:40 Sun. 1:35, 4:10, 7:05, 9:40; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri. 1:10, 4:05, 7:15, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:10, 4:05, 7:15, 9:55; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:20p.m.

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Before the Devil Knows You're Dead (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:50, 8:10; **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Lust, Caution** (NC-17) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 4:40, 8:00; **The Princess Bride** (PG) Sat. 11:55p.m.; **Sharkwater** (PG) Sat.-Sun. 11:20a.m.

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
The Abandoned (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 11:15) 1:15, 2:05, 4:10, 4:55, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:40; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:10; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40; **American Gangster** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 3:00, 6:30, 10:10 Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:25) 12:15, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, 9:15, 10:10, 10:45; **The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford** (R) Fri.-Sun. 6:25p.m.; **Bee Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 12:00, 1:00, 2:35, 3:30, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30, 9:00, 9:55; **Bella** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:30, 4:50, 7:35, 10:05; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:45; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:45, 3:35, 9:45; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:10p.m.; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:25, 4:20, 10:20; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30; **P2** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 4:15, 6:55, 9:25; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:35, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 7:25, 10:25

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
The Abandoned (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 6:15, 10:30, 12:30, 12:55, 2:55, 3:20, 3:50, 4:30) 6:15, 6:45, 7:10, 8:00, 9:35, 10:05, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 11:55, 12:30, 12:55, 2:55, 3:20, 3:50) 4:30, 6:15, 6:45, 7:10, 8:00, 9:35, 10:05, 10:25; **Bella** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:25, 4:40) 6:55, 9:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:40, 6:55, 9:10; **Borderland** (R) Fri. (3:30p.m.); **Crazy Eights** (NR) Sun. (3:30) 9:30; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:10) 7:30, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:10, 7:30, 10:20; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:55, 7:30, 10:15; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00) 7:05; **Lake Dead** (NR) Sat. (1:00) 9:30; **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:45, 9:25; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:35) 6:30, 9:05; **Mulberry Street** (R) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 2:30, 4:25) 6:50, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:30) 4:25, 6:50, 9:20; **Nightmare Man** (R) Sun. (1:00) 7:00; **Saw IV** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 10:10; **The Deaths of Ian Stone** (R) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Tooth & Nail** (R) Sat. (3:30p.m.); **Unearthed** (R) Fri. (1:00) 9:30; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 9:45

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Across the Universe (PG-13); **American Gangster** (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13); **Fred Claus** (PG); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Gone Baby Gone** (R); **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13); **Lions for Lambs** (R); **Martian Child** (PG); **Music Within** (PG); **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG); **Saw IV** (R); **30 Days of Night** (R); **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Control (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Abandoned (R) Fri. 1:50, 7:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 7:00; **Before the Devil Knows You're Dead** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **The Darjeeling Limited** (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri. 5:00, 8:15 Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 5:00, 8:15; **Joe Strummer: The Future Is Unwritten** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Wristcutters: A Love Story** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:50, 9:45

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
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San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri. 10:10a.m.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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The Abandoned (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri. (12:00, 1:20, 2:35) 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:20, 2:25) 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, 10:45; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri. (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **American Gangster** (R) Fri. (12:10, 1:05, 3:30) 4:45, 7:00, 8:30, 10:25; **Bee Movie** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 1:00, 2:40, 3:20) 4:55, 5:45, 7:25, 8:10, 9:35, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 1:00, 2:35, 3:20) 4:55, 5:45, 7:25, 8:10, 9:35, 10:20; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:20, 10:40; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road
The Abandoned (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:45, 10:30; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:20) 7:05, 9:55; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri. (11:30, 1:00, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00) 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:00, 2:15) 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20; **American Gangster** (R) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 3:15, 4:00, 4:30) 7:10, 7:30, 8:00, 10:35, 11:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 3:15) 4:00, 4:30, 7:10, 7:30, 8:00, 10:35, 11:00; **Bee Movie** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 12:05, 12:30, 2:05, 2:25, 2:55, 4:30, 4:55, 5:20, 7:15, 7:20, 7:50, 9:35, 10:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 12:05, 12:30, 2:05, 2:25, 2:55) 4:30, 4:55, 5:20, 7:15, 7:20, 7:50, 9:35, 10:00, 10:25; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:50) Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:50; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:25, 10:10; **P2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; **Saw IV** (R) Fri. (12:50, 4:25) 7:05, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:50; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:25) 7:55, 10:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Bee Movie (PG); **Fred Claus** (PG); **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13); **Stardust** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The Abandoned (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; **The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Afterdark's Horrorfest 2** (NR) Fri.-Sun. 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **American Gangster** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 1:30, 3:45) 4:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:45; **Bee Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:45, 3:30) 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:15) 6:00; **My Little Pony: A Very Minty Christmas** Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **P2** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:45) 8:30, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road (858-558-2262)
American Gangster (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **Bella** (PG-13); **The Comebacks** (PG-13); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **Fred Claus** (PG); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **The Heartbreak Kid** (R); **"Horrorfest"; Lions for Lambs** (R); **Martian Child** (PG); **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG); **P2** (R); **Saw IV** (R); **30 Days of Night** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

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Escondido 16

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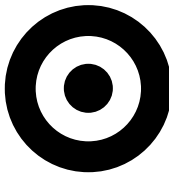
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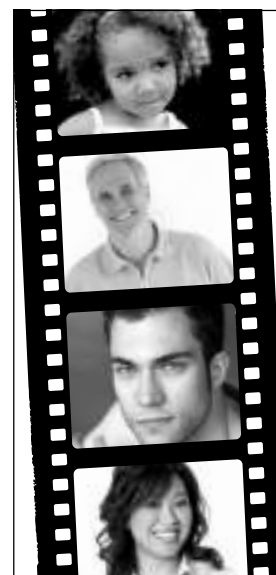
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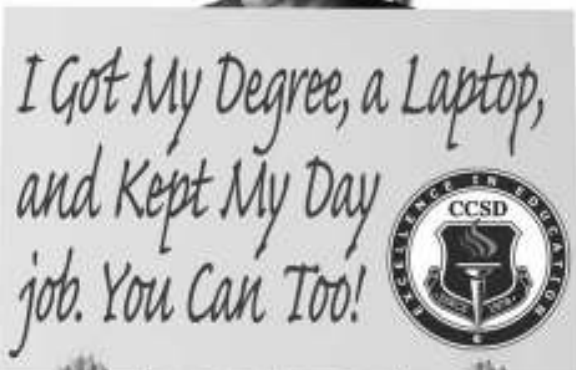
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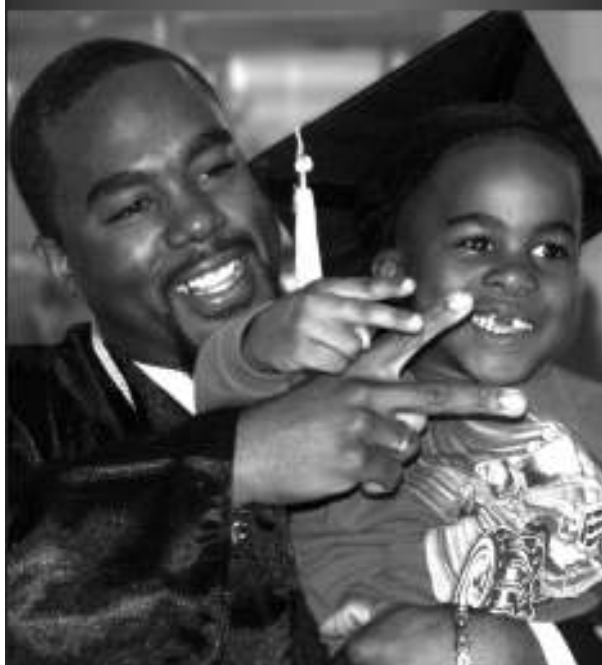
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- 4. Beauty queen’s wear
- 8. “Gotcha, man — that’s cool!”
- 14. Fit ____ fiddle
- 15. Honolulu’s island
- 16. 100-member group
- 17. Small talk
- 19. TV star owned and trained by Rudd Weatherwax
- 20. Clinched
- 21. Gloomy
- 22. Hrs. on the Mississippi
- 23. Stolen, in slang
- 26. Jumble
- 28. “A fellow almost damned in ____ wife”, “Othello”
- 29. Actor Holbrook
- 30. Contemporary of R.W. Emerson
- 31. Tibetan milk source
- 32. What a plane rolls along
- 34. Fancy word for 17-, 26-, 48- or 56-Across
- 39. Mukluk wearers
- 40. Brainiacs’ prides
- 42. “Why should ____?”
- 45. Crosswords, say
- 46. -
- 48. Hustle
- 50. Raven-haired heroine of a tale by 30-Across
- 51. Bart Simpson’s age
- 52. Losing tic-tac-toe row
- 53. Soup with sushi
- 54. Intolerant types
- 56. Disreputable people
- 60. Show clearly
- 61. When Romeo meets Juliet
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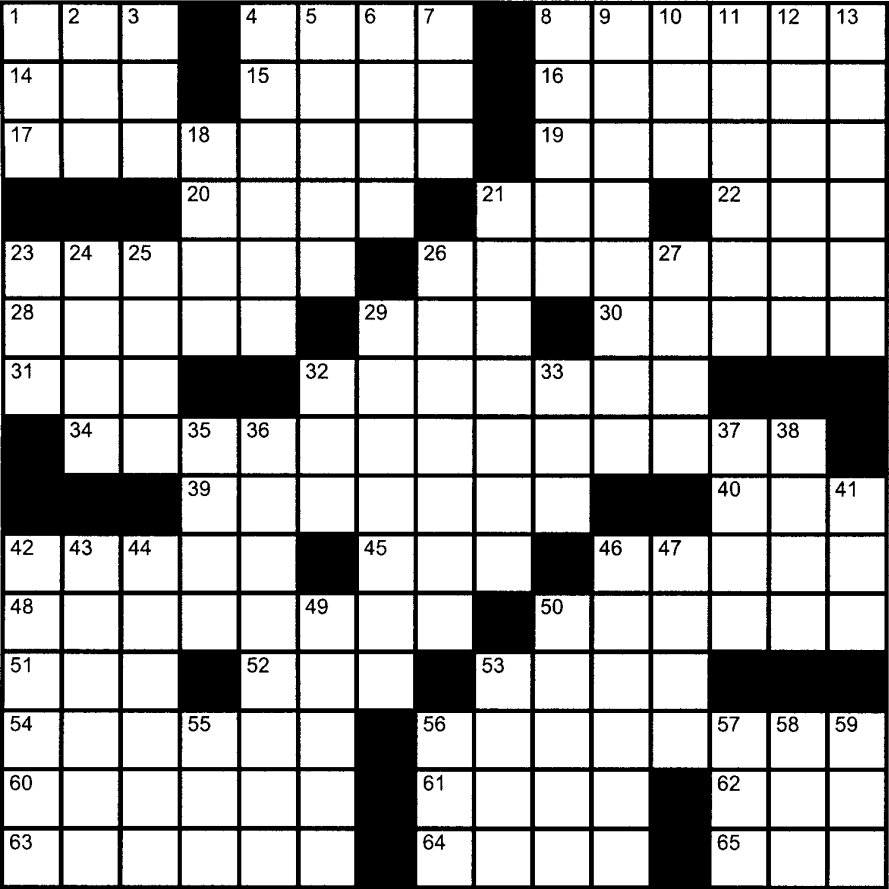
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- 1. “High School Musical” star Efron
- 2. Volcanic output
- 3. Moo goo ____ pan
- 4. Sport in which the clock counts up and not down
- 5. Oohed and ____
- 6. Fish that swims upstream
- 7. QB’s cry
- 8. Puerto Rico y Cuba
- 9. Tie
- 10. Connections with clout
- 11. Tank top?
- 12. “Yes”
- 13. Go from 0 to 32, say
- 18. Kind of torch on “Survivor”
- 21. Computer chip ingredient

- 23. NBC’s Leno
- 24. Way, way off
- 25. It may be tiered
- 26. Harshes sentence
- 27. “____ help you?”
- 29. Nova Scotia’s capital
- 32. Multilane rd.
- 33. Took place
- 35. Skin: Suffix
- 36. Get tough, in a way
- 37. Ivy, for one
- 38. Prefix with distant
- 41. Govt. agency that’s ass backwards?
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- 43. Split
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- 46. Fish out of water
- 47. Famed lab assistant
- 49. Schlemiel
- 50. Elevators, in England
- 53. Some sit on pads
- 55. “Lord of the Rings” tree creature
- 56. Like sushi, mostly
- 57. Woodworking tool
- 58. Payment
- 59. Devotee

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I would take my two parakeets first. All of my jewelry, which isn't much. It wouldn't take much time to gather all that. I'd take the pictures off the walls. I would also take some clothes. I can't picture these people losing their homes and having no clothes to wear. Oh, I'd probably take passports and important papers, too.



Chris Doom
Clerk
Santee

My fish. I have five African cichlids. I'd probably just throw them in a bucket instead of trying to get the whole aquarium out. They're only eight or nine inches long. I would get my photos. They show the places I've been all over the world. To be honest, I'm not sure what else. Oh, I guess I'd grab my plasma TV.



Anthony Carteron
Stereo installation
Santee

Really, I don't have a lot that is valuable. I'd probably just grab pictures and my laptops. Those are the only things I'd need. And, I don't own a lot of expensive stuff. And I don't have a big collection of any one thing.



Sharla Dee
Student
Mission Valley

I don't have all that much. First, I'd grab the pictures and photo albums. Anything that was handed down from my family, like jewelry. I have a lot of stuff like that. There's a family cookbook that has been passed down from generation to generation, with all our secret family recipes. I would get clothes, important papers, and the daily necessities.



Alex Anderson
Student
College Area

I would grab my golf clubs. I would get my computer. And, well, that's pretty much it. I have a few boxes of pictures I'd grab. But I don't have any pets or anything like that. I'd try to grab a few of the valuables, too.



Michael Rutman
Physician
Carmel Valley

I would grab personal items that I can't be replaced, like pictures. I would want to grab important papers and things like my passport, mortgage [papers]. Well, that stuff should probably be kept in a safety deposit box in the first place. I would want family heirlooms, like watches and jewelry. Anything with sentimental value or that's inscribed. Why try to save a sofa or TV? Those things can be replaced, and probably with better ones than you already have.

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Q: First Greek space station?

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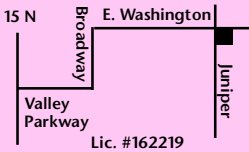
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PATHWORK DISCUSSION. December 13. "Christ's Greatest Gift," 1328 Stratford Court, Del Mar. 7-9pm. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. Please call for information, 858-259-1880.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The Earth Discovery Institute (EDI) is seeking docents to guide students at Crestridge Ecological Reserve. October-May, 4 hours/week. Training provided. chadgroup@cox.com; 619-749-5767.

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WRITERS WANTED. The Academy for Alternative Journalism, established by papers like this one to promote diversity in the alternative press, seeks talented journalists and students (college seniors and up) for a paid summer writing program at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. The 8-week program (June 22-August 17, 2008) aims to recruit talented candidates from diverse backgrounds and train them in alt-weekly style feature writing. Ten participants will be chosen and paid \$3000 plus housing and travel allowances. For information and an application visit http://aaaj.aan.org. You may also e-mail us at altacademy@northwestern.edu. Applications must be postmarked by February 8, 2008. Northwestern University is an equal opportunity educator and employer. (AAN CAN)

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FOR A CAUSE, "Some say" it makes no difference. If so? Why couldn't they humble themselves and shut up.

GIRLS THAT WRITE HERE, If we ever meet. A minute to figure out what to do when and why? King Homeless.

I THINK I HAVE GREAT taste, when it comes to buying purses, especially ones that have pretty designs on them. Can you say Buffy?

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JACK, ERNIE, Humphrey's "not Hillcrest" 8/24. Hope you and yours are surviving the fires and aftermath all right. Alice, 4seasons1day@gmail.com.

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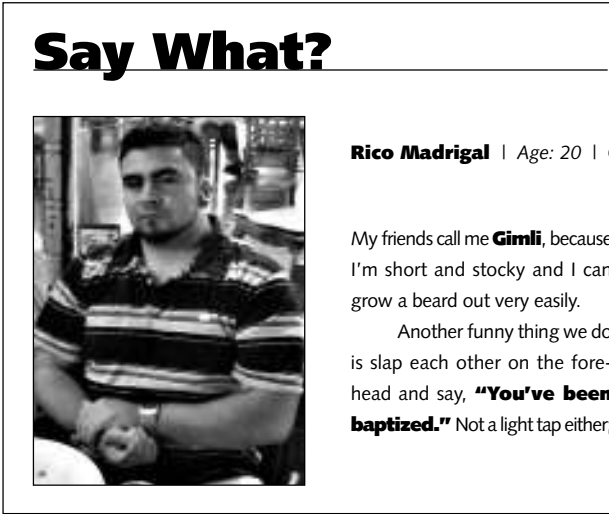
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Jeff interrupts, "And...you're only going to get told once about taking off on somebody." Jeff and Seth know each surfer by name, half of their ages, their occupations, how long they've been surfing, how many children, and some of their birthdays.

"See Steve Brown?" Jeff asks and points him out in the water. "He's a day older than me. He used to be an I.B. lifeguard. We're both 58, but I



gotta call him 'sir.'"

"There's Pete the painter," Seth says. "And Wayne, he's 62."

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"Yeah, tell them there are boiled chickens floating in the water," says Seth. "Actually," he taps an index finger to his chin, recalling, "I came across a boiled chicken out there once."

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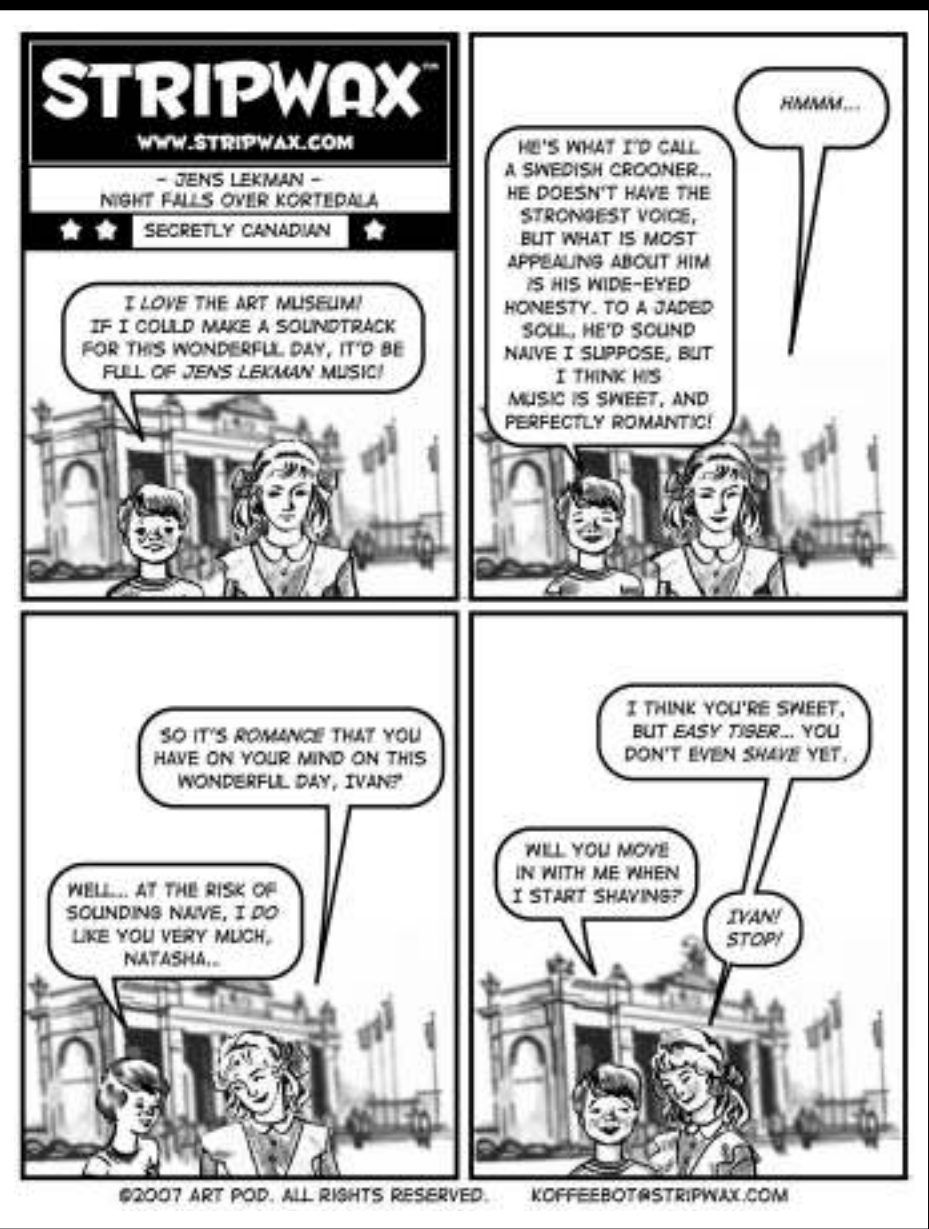
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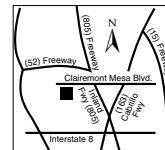
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It was 1969, one month after Woodstock. I was 17 and arrived at the University of Buffalo for the start of my freshman year. Right after my parents said their goodbyes and headed for home on that Sunday afternoon, I went to a mixer outside the student union. There was a band playing Cream and Led Zeppelin. Someone passed me a joint, and I watched as a guy stripped naked and danced in the middle of the crowd. It was great.

I was in one of the girls' dorms on campus and couldn't wait to meet my roommate. I had arrived at school not knowing a soul, and I hoped I'd have a roommate who would become a close friend. Then Elaine arrived. She was different. While everyone else wore jeans and had long, straight hair, Elaine wore slacks and had a teased, bubble hairdo. On the days when Elaine had an eight o'clock class, I would wake up choking in a haze of hairspray. She was the same age as the rest of us, but everyone thought she looked more like our mothers.

A lot of the talk in the dorm was about boys — the ones we'd met and the ones we had our eyes on. All Elaine talked about was

Benjamin, her boyfriend back home. She talked about how important it was to "save yourself" until you were married or at least formally engaged. She talked about that a lot; it was almost as if she were lecturing a bunch of wanton souls who needed to be saved.

First semester was a blast. It was everything I'd hoped it would be. There were concerts, parties in the dorm lounge, peace marches, and football games. Elaine missed it all. It seemed as if she slept through the first couple of months. I'd come back to my room midday after class — the curtains would be drawn, and she'd be asleep.

Everyone was curious about my quirky roommate, but I didn't have any answers. I was busy going to class, enjoying college life, and

finding friendships elsewhere. I didn't really have a relationship with Elaine or even know how to relate to her. The only thing we had in common, it seemed, was the freshman weight gain, thanks to the cafeteria food. Elaine was worried that Benjamin wouldn't approve, so she started exercising rigorously every day.

In November, Elaine had a doctor's appointment. Before she even made it to the exam room, the nurse took one look at her and said, "Oh, you're pregnant." Elaine came back from that doctor's appointment and told me about it; she was so amazed that someone could actually tell she was pregnant. What is more amazing is that she was in such denial that she didn't even know herself.

Elaine was, in fact, five months pregnant. That meant

she'd been pregnant when she arrived at school, when she lectured us about keeping our virginity, and all through her first sleepy semester.

After a series of frantic and teary phone calls, Elaine went home and married Benjamin. She came back to take finals, in the full bloom of pregnancy, then returned home. For good. That was the last I ever saw of her.

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— As several sightings were made around Washington, D.C., of dragonfly-looking bugs hovering in the air at political events, government agencies were denying that they had released any tiny surveillance robots, according to an October *Washington Post* investigation. “I look up and I’m, like, ‘What the hell is that?’” asked a college student at an antiwar rally in Washington. “They looked kind of like dragonflies or little heli-

copters. But...those are not insects.” Several agencies and private entities admitted to the *Post* that they were trying to develop such devices, but no one took credit for having them in the air yet.

— School Security: (1) MJ Safety Solutions of Danvers, Mass., has developed a \$195 bullet-proof backpack for students, using a lightweight, police-equipment-quality panel, and is seeking approval from school boards to promote them, according to an August *Boston Herald* report. (2) Britain’s Bladerunner company has developed student jumpers and blazers lined with knife-resistant Kevlar, starting at the equivalent of about \$260, according to an August BBC News story.

— A new condominium development in New York City, near 11th Avenue and West 24th Street (with prices starting at \$6.25 million), features in-unit garages, allowing the resident to drive into the En-Suite Sky Garage System at street level and be lifted to his own unit. Guests and residents who don't own cars will just have to use the ordinary elevators.

— (1) After some mild bickering during a delivery at a Wal-Mart in October in Indiana County,

Pa., according to police, a Pepsi Cola route man allegedly repeatedly punched a Coca-Cola route man in the face. (2) Reuters reported in September that a 50-year-old man who bought two large sausages at a butcher shop in Mannheim, Germany, returned shortly afterward to have them wrapped for a flight to Dubai. On inspection, the butcher found that the man had stuffed each sausage with an anatomically correct latex dildo, for smuggling into Dubai.

— In September, Matt Wilkinson admitted to KGW-TV of Portland, Ore., that he had been in a coma for three days recently and nearly died after he decided to stick his pet diamondback rattlesnake into his mouth while drinking with some buddies: “Me, being me, I put his head in my mouth.” A doctor told the station that Wilkinson barely made it to the hospital in time because his airway had nearly swollen shut from the venomous bites.

— Spectacular Errors: (1) The Kuala Lumpur phone company Telekom Malaysia acknowledged in April that it mistakenly sent a bill for the equivalent of \$218 trillion (that's 218 followed by 12 zeroes) or 806.4 trillion ringgit. The account was

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

You've got a good weekly newspaper. One way to make it even better would be to fire that ignorant pseudo-intellectual, Duncan Shepherd. His movie reviews are totally worthless to the general public and his presence in your publication demeans your entire staff. Because he is obviously such an idiot, one tends to think you all are.

—LETTERS: **"FIRE PLUG,"** David Nehrllich,
November 10, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

An article entitled "One Step Ahead of the Devil," published in these pages October 21, 1982, made reference to a Mr. Tim Sutton having been killed in the course of a bank robbery. Mr. Sutton was not involved in a bank robbery and is still living. The *Reader* regrets this error.

—LETTERS: **"ERRATUM,"** Editor, November 11, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

Merchants along Market Street championed the successful effort to reinstate that name to the downtown boulevard briefly known as Martin Luther King Jr. Way. But other San Diegans played a role in assuring that the ballot measure was placed before voters, who approved it last week by a 20 percent margin.

Campaign disclosure statements filed by the Keep Market Street Initiative Committee show that other non-Market Street businesses contributed to the Proposition F campaign. Meridian Associates, builders of the downtown high-rise condominium project at Front and G streets, gave \$300; Porter International, a local customs clearing house, gave \$100; the Gildred Development Company contributed \$200. Disclosure statements also list a \$100 donation from R.E. Morris, a former SDG&E executive who lives downtown. (Morris this week denied giving any money to the Yes on F forces.)

—CITY LIGHTS: **"PEOPLE WHO KICKED IN,"**
Paul Krueger, November 12, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

Times Mirror executives last week announced that the San Diego County edition of the *Los Angeles Times* will cease to exist December 18.

Before the San Diego edition was launched, the *Times* had 27,615 daily subscribers in the county. More than 10,000 subscribers were added that very first month, but after that, circulation grew slower than expected, sources say. The latest figures, for the year ending March 31, put daily circulation at 61,653. That's up just a fraction from the year ending March 31, 1990, when daily

readership stood at 60,095. (Circulation peaked at 65,000 in 1988, according to a recent report in the *New York Times*.)

—CITY LIGHTS: **"END OF TIMES,"** Thomas K. Arnold,
November 5, 1992

Ten Years Ago

In the days after Chargers quarterback Stan Humphries received his latest concussion, the team reassured the public that Humphries was consulting neurologists and that a CT-scan and an MRI showed no problems.

Humphries's agent chimed in, pledging that the team cared about his client and that Humphries would not return to the playing field until he was "100 percent." But experts in the treatment of concussion victims say that this comforting scenario is misleading and incomplete.

The knockout blow Humphries received in the November 2 game against the Cincinnati Bengals is well documented from the outside. But what happened inside his brain and the long-term consequence of that trauma are harder to pinpoint.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"HEAD PROBLEMS,"** Phyllis Orrick,
November 13, 1997

Five Years Ago

The body lies in a position of repose, a 12-



San Diego Reader, November 13, 1997

year-old girl in pajamas, on her bed, in Fallbrook, California. Her blue eyes, though open, see nothing, and for ten more minutes, no one sees her. No one knows yet that the sheets and Judy's pajama top are stained with chocolate, that her neck is stained with chocolate, that a section of yellow toilet paper on the bed beside her is stained with chocolate, or that her arms are folded across her chest and will not be, cannot be, unfolded again. No one knows that a spoon lies balanced on her lips.

—**"THE DEATH OF JUDY HUSCHER,"** Laura McNeal,
November 7, 2002

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POST DATE: November 9, 2005

POST TITLE: Lesser Forms

At church, my dad — he’s a pastor, have I mentioned that? — sometimes invites the congregation over to the house for pizza and *Scrabble*.

In a few months, it will have been a year since I last talked to my sister.

POST DATE: January 25, 2006

POST TITLE: If I Lj-Cut, then the Terrorists Will Truly Have Won

I have, for the whole of my life, been sheltered and protected from life’s horrors by two unintelligible immigrant parents who managed to raise their child without making her stupid, fearful, or a tuba prodigy. I was encouraged — through school and college, voting Democrat, jobs, ruptured relationships — and loved no matter how many AZNsex websites my picture ended up on.

POST DATE: June 5, 2006

POST TITLE: By Any Other Route

I think every day that I miss my sister, or that I should, and my heart feels that missingness, the love-arrhythmia of a bereft older sibling. Here’s the thing: I can’t remember her face anymore unless I try very hard to. Here’s another: I know that I might stubbornly go the rest of my life without another significant word between us. I speak around her, like a piece of furniture. I never can just shut up about this. My reasons are small and prideful, abounding, just as I imagine her reasons to be, but it’s a long way up the high forgiveness road — though probably not as hard as

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I’ll admit. Or harder, since my back is now crippled, twisted by poor posture and stupidity, which makes hiking difficult. I must walk daintily, fearful of sudden movements, and it’s a precarious existence.

POST DATE: June 27, 2006

POST TITLE: Guava Fantastico!

I found that my dad, along with horoscopes and forensic anthropology, also doesn’t believe in dinosaurs. I look at him sometimes and wonder if he is just as bewildered by me, with my approval of the homogays and the Geneva Convention.

POST DATE: September 18, 2006

POST TITLE: I’m Going to Defenestrate You Up Right, Jezebel

Mom’s had her surgery, and while I was told that it was minor — a little thing — my mom is my mom, and vagina surgery is vagina surgery. They wheeled her out, and her hair was crazy. Her eyes were closed, and her head lolled (LOLed!) while we gathered around, chattering.

“What’s it like not having a uterus anymore? Is it true your other senses are heightened?”

Nothing.

“That was a funny joke, Mom.

Are you drunk?”

Nothing.

Then, “I’m cold.”

We find: the minus one in my mother’s abdogroin, the phantom reproductive organs — those contain a woman’s sense of



humor, her body temperature regulation, her sobriety. She had her tubes tied in 1986 after my sister was born, saying my dad had his chance to give up a Y chromosome, and it wasn’t her fault if they now had two daughters, one of whom was supposed to be named “Steven.” If someone digs her up in the future, they won’t know what the shit happened. So I wrote a haiku to explain. I’m going to have it tattooed on her when she’s senile.

Uterus left, drunk

So the tubes strangled

themselves

Because they were cold

POST DATE: January 23, 2007

POST TITLE: I’m Prison Mike!

On Monday, I spent lunch hour attending my 21-year-old sister’s shotgun courthouse wedding. Premaritally pregnant, incubating who knows what, she was

oddly insistent on my attendance despite my own bubbling enthusiasm. The room was beige and the ceremony romantic, intimate, like being molested at the DMV. Her boyfriend-now-husband is a nice enough guy from what I’ve seen, and he loves her. I have my own issues with their marriage — pinned largely on their lack of education, their youth and insolvency.

Not that it matters now, or ever, anyway. They’ll be living in the guest room of his mother’s house, which I’m sure she is preparing currently with new linens and bowls of potpourri, maybe some framed panda bear photos. In a handful of months, I’ll have to witness the introduction of a hideous, prunish newborn and pretend its shriveled appearance doesn’t disturb me. I know my own family is rooting for this to be the rope that leads us back to each other. I know that they are sorely underestimating my apathy toward children.

POST DATE: March 21, 2007

POST TITLE: Sex Machines Are

Pretty Relentless Killers

My sister — now what, four, five months into her pregnancy? — and her husband have found that the poltergeist fetus in her previously unoccupied womb is tentatively of the vaginal persuasion. Her text message later that day read, “It’s a girl.” I didn’t have her cell number, didn’t know she had mine, so the declaration was nonsensical to me. *Whatevz. I, too, am a girl. I have yet to receive a text message regarding this.*

POST DATE: September 10, 2007

POST TITLE: A 99-Cent Chicken

Sandwich, Justin

My new niece is very tough and macho. Born grasping, indignant, she is in large part ignorant of current events and global environmental concerns. Front-row seats to the birthing process and the hoot-beep-clicking of hospital *haute technologie* makes the business of Life sound like a video game, where waiting makes it feel like a prenatal DMV. Giving birth isn’t that difficult, you know. I sat next to someone who gave birth to my niece recently, and it’s all chocolate chip cookies and cable television. I had a great time. I suspect this is something akin to con artistry, though, what she’s done here. Essentially a monogloid at this point in her life, a raving toothless derelict, a wailing enchilada of poop, and still — cooing. Wonder. She can be so ill tempered, and she farts a lot. I’m reading Robert Browning to her, and essays by Emerson, in the hopes that she’ll one day be able to explain them to me.

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KENSINGTON, Humongous assortment. Saturday November 10, 8am-12. 4021 South Hempstead Circle, San Diego, 92116. Cancelled if raining.

LA JOLLA, Christmas boutique and garage sale. Saturday 12/1/07, 9am-2pm. Antiques, collectibles, food, art, crafts, clothing, household items, decorations! Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. 4321 Eastgate Mall, 92121.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. Saturday, 11/10, 8am-noon. Multifamily sale. Antique oak dining table, antique light fixtures, clothing, 1960s Drexel Danish-modern sofa table, collectibles, kid stuff, art, speaker system, chair-and-a-half, garden treasures. 3667 Jackdaw Street.

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“HERE,” MY GIRLFRIEND SAID AND HANDED ME A SHEET OF PAPER. “READ THIS.”

“All right.” I cleared my throat and snapped the paper twice for theatrical effect. “Number one,” I read. “You’re too theatrical.”

“It’s a list,” she said.

I followed her into the bedroom where I stood at the bathroom door waiting for her to return. “Number two,” I read out loud. “You’re too clingy, and you follow me from room to room.”

“You’re doing it right now,” she said through the door.

Down at my feet were the cat and the dog; we were all lined up. “Do you mean me or the pets?”

“All of you.”

“Did you make a list of things that *they* do wrong too? The cat and the dog? How are *they* supposed to read *their* lists?”

“Keep going,” she said.

“Number three,” I read from the slip. “Stop competing with the pets.”

My God. I banged on the door. “Is this a list of things I do *wrong*?”

“No,” she said, flooding me with relief. “It’s a list of things you do that irritate me.”

Stunned, I walked to the front room with the list and continued to read it. It was handwritten, one item per line, and so lengthy that it took up the whole page.

My eyes bugged out with hot electricity. All of them were laser accurate. I felt nauseated that there was a whole *list*! And my girlfriend isn’t even organized. In fact, she’s a little crumpled and scattered. That a whole *list* was required, from a half-disorganized woman, made it sting that much more.

“Fine!” I shouted. “I’m going to sit down and write you a list!”

At the edge of the couch, I perched with a pen and a yellow sticky note on my palm. “Aha!” I shouted as I was about to write something, but I couldn’t remember what I had just thought of.

I looked down to her list, “Number 19. You’re forgetful.”

Oh, sweet Mary.

While I sat there, I thought I’d watch a little TV. I tapped the pen against my teeth and scratched my belly. That’s when my girlfriend came out of the bathroom and waited at the threshold of the living room.

“Can I watch TV and scratch my belly?” I asked. “I didn’t see it listed here.”

“Turn it over,” she said.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

LAW AND ORDER: CRIMINAL INTENT
USA 10:00 A.M.

Michael Jackson creates his own odor. And not like everyone smells a little different; I mean, he creates an odor that we, as mammals, can differentiate between other base odors. Like the whole of olfactory experience can be broken down into ingredients: flowery, putrid, sweaty, etc. Michael Jackson is his own smell. His is a curse and a boon; children fear his stench, but dogs cannot detect it.

FULL HOUSE
NICKELODEON 8:30 P.M.

I’m convinced the Olsen twins are both vampire puppets. They may not be able to infect humans, but they can definitely turn other puppets to the shadows of evil. To kill them we will

have to drive a stake through the heart of whoever has his hand up their butts, making them talk and move around. Die, Olsen twins’ vampire puppet master! Die! Hyeah! Hyeah! Hyeah!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

FOOLED BY NATURE
ANIMAL PLANET 7:00 P.M.

I used to carry a rabbit’s foot for a lucky charm, but the rabbit it was taken from found me and asked for it back. I thought if it was truly a lucky charm, he wouldn’t have lost it in the first place, and I would’ve been able to keep it without him finding me. So I gave it to him. Unlucky damn rabbit’s foot. Go away. Shoo.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

SKUNK FU!
CW 9:00 A.M.

If we are able to be rejuvenated, logically, we were at one point “juvenated.” I’d like to find the factory, machinery, and chemical compounds required to juvenate all beings. I could stop the conveyor belt of babies and dive under the injection guns to become “superjuvenated.” Oh, the orange and yellow light that would flow from my eyes, I can feel its intense energy now. I must find that factory.

AMERICA'S MOST WANTED:
AMERICA FIGHTS BACK
FOX 9:00 P.M.

Google has started to take pictures of every street, house, intersection, business, building, and parking lot. My street has yet to be mapped, so when I see the Google van humming down my lane with its camera rolling, I’m going to strip down to nothing, except a Lone Ranger mask and a pair of cowboy boots with spurs, and chase it down. That way I’ll be included, in all my glory, in the lasting archive of photos. Searching for University and 36th Street? Oh, here’s a picture of my schmerz, have a nice day.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

EARTH'S NATURAL WONDERS
TRAVEL CHANNEL 9:00 P.M.

The word “nix” is only popularly used in Pig Latin. No one ever says, “Nix the license plate talk.” But, in every sitcom ever, someone has said that exact phrase or something similar in Pig Latin, “Ixnay on the icense-lay late-pay alk-tay!” This garners a confused look from Mrs. Roper, even though she’s the one with the unexplainable taste in orange fire-stitched caftans and silk scarves. I mean, really, Mrs. Roper, you think you’re confused, imagine how we feel.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

HEROES
NBC 9:00 P.M.

By the power of Hilary Swank’s gigantic teeth, I have the power! If one of Hilary Swank’s mega-choppers ever gets knocked loose, I want that thing. If I attach it to an axe handle, it would be more helpful and handy around the house than a team of illegal immigrants. I could open tin cans, aerate a garden, chop down an avocado tree, and I haven’t figured out the exact logistics, but I’m pretty sure I



Kitchen Nightmares

could brew coffee with it.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

REAPER
CW 9:00 P.M.

Besides all *this*, my jackalope has been a complete nightmare. I mean that almost literally. Apparently, when it was stuffed, the half-drunk taxidermist allowed spider eggs to be deposited under its skin. The other day I walked past it and it was completely covered in a gossamer web, like a washcloth was thrown over it. When I looked closely, a billion baby spiders poured from its eyes. I ran screaming and I haven’t slept since.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

KITCHEN NIGHTMARES
FOX 9:00 P.M.

What I really need is a monocle. I think I’m not taken seriously at places like theaters, art galleries, and, well, jeez, even the grocery store, because I don’t wear a monocle. When I leave a place, I imagine the patrons whisper to each other, “He could really use a monocle.” But that’s just my imagination. What they probably say is, “He should put on pants under those buttless chaps.”

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SUPERNATURAL
CW 9:00 P.M.

I was thinking of dying my hair red, but what’s hip at 23 can smack of sad at age 31. I’ll do a test patch to see if I like it. Tonight, I’ll dye my foot hair purple and wear it around like that for a couple weeks. You may not think that’s a substantial change, but you’ve never seen how hairy my feet are. I’ve overheard Hobbits say, “Damn, that dude’s got some hairy toes!” Maybe I should undo the dreadlocks first. I don’t want to overdo it.

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“Our roles are reversed. Now I’m taking care of you.”

By John Brizzolara

I have been living with my 30-year-old son for three days now. He invited me here while I transfer from one living situation to another. As yet I don’t know what that will be. For the past year I have been living alone, and neither was it good for me nor could I afford it. I mean that in more ways than one. While I prefer solitude, it does not prefer me.

Geoffrey, my son, is doing very well and would not be distinguished from others of his age. He maintains his own apartment and does it well. He has friends who visit him every day. The apartment is small and appears very crowded if three or more of us are here. He grows impatient with me: I am not one of his video-game buds, and he remembers the worst of my influence from his childhood. He does readily admit, however, that he enjoyed a good one. His mother and I did everything possible to assure that.

What I mean by the worst of my influence is not abuse...at least I don’t believe it can be construed in any way as abuse. Mostly what he means is my insistence, as he says, “drilled into my head for as long as I can remember, that people are stupid.”

It has been my life-long experi-

ence that this is true, and I have attempted to instill in him a sense — not of contempt, but of tolerance for such stupidity. Myself, I am not a tolerant man. My son is very different: a gentle soul, raised in California, while I was raised in Chicago until 16, moved to New York for 10 years until my then wife could no longer stand it and refused to raise a child there. I can’t say I blame her. We were living in Brooklyn at the time; and though that suited me to the pavement, my wife was a gentler soul. Ergo, Geoff’s temperament. He is also similar to my own father, though that man would exhibit not violence but anger to the point of impotent rage at my mother.

Where Geoff and I are is in the middle of what I call nowhere. A walk in any direction will lead only to more rocky crags, dust, and hardscrabble shale. No 7 Elevens in sight. There is a cricket in his apartment, and it freaks me in the middle of the night.

Geoffrey has lectured me on my negative attitude. Yesterday, a woman was using all of the washers and dryers, moved my clothes, and confessed ignorance. According to Geoff, I began to “go off on her.” Now, it was hardly what I would call “going off,” but to my son it was uncalled for. “This is not North Park, Dad!” That’s where we lived together two years ago.

Geoffrey considers himself, with both pride and a kind of mild revenge, a father to the man. “Our roles are reversed. Now I’m taking care of you.” He says this matter-of-factly and considers it a license to monitor almost every aspect of my behavior.

I am allowed to stay for three more days. The low-income complex we reside in has many rules. Among them, no visitors past one week. There are more and progressively more ridiculous rules, in my opinion, as if this were the Salvation Army — or the Army itself. The place has an almost religious tinge to it. Palpable. Nearly pious. I am not comfortable here (with the exception of the presence of my son, albeit with our minor horn-locking). But I fear homelessness far more. And that is not a theoretical or vague prospect. It is very real, and possibly within the week.

And so I am grateful. And though it is not possible to be grateful in a grudging way, I am somehow managing to do this. At the same time, I am des-



perately trying to banish this conflicting thing. It is rife with self-pity, and I cannot afford that either.

My son lives on a minuscule income and is reluctant to ask his parents for help. At the moment, I am in no condition to help; but by Monday or Tuesday.... I do have a job, though when I am asked what I do for a living, and I answer, the response is, “No, but I mean, really. A job job, you know what I mean. What do you *do*?” I have done this job since 1980 and have contributed, such as it is, to my son’s financial welfare for 30 years. I am hardly bragging. You are supposed to do that for your children, and I need no accolades. I suppose I am saying this as an apology that I have not been able to do more.

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